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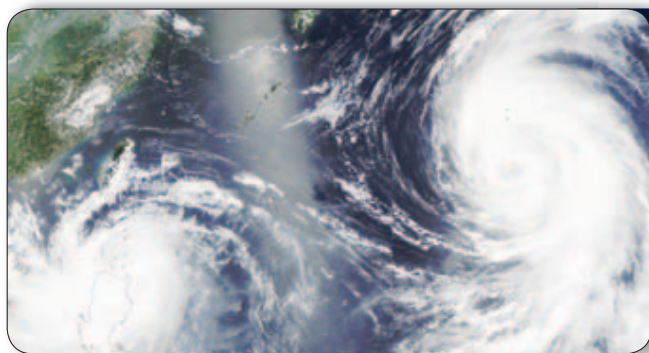
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# TERRAIN



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Sgt. Elvin Steierwald, 42, of Metairie, La., walks down a hill with a mine detector as other soldiers with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment stand on the crest near the village of Zangabad in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. The soldiers were helping to secure a road as Canadian soldiers dismantled an outpost in the village of Mushan.



## Looming large

With the start of the 2009 northwest Pacific tropical cyclone season just three weeks away, experts urge communication, preparation for residents of 'Typhoon Alley' **Page 3**



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"It's amazing that 10 dudes with shovels can stop a whole battalion."**

— Capt. Chris Brawley, commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, talking of how one Taliban bomb stopped an entire convoy

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# U.S.-Afghan probe confirms civilian deaths

By JASON STRAZIUSO  
The Associated Press

KABUL — A joint U.S.-Afghan investigation confirmed that an unspecified number of civilians died in a southern Afghan battle local officials say killed dozens of villagers. But the initial findings released Saturday appeared to blame Taliban militants who used locals as "human shields."

Heavy fighting took place in two villages in Farah province over several hours Monday and Tuesday, a joint statement said. It said U.S. forces responded to a call for help from Afghan forces, and that militants attacked the troops from several locations around the villages.

It said troops called for airstrikes on the militant positions.

"The investigation suggests that villagers had taken refuge in a number of houses in each village. Reports also indicate that Taliban fighters deliberately forced villagers into houses from which they then attacked ANSF (Afghan security forces)"

"The joint investigation team strongly condemns the brutality of the Taliban extremists deliberately targeting Afghan civilians and using them as human shields," the statement said.

Abdul Basir Khan, a member of Farah's provincial council, said Friday that he collected the names of 147 people killed in fighting in two villages in Farah's Bala Baluck district. Other Afghan officials have said dozens of civilians died in the battle, but a U.S. spokeswoman had called such reports "extremely

over-exaggerated."

The U.S.-Afghan team of investigators visited the villages last week and saw two mass graves and one burial site with seven individual graves, the joint U.S.-Afghan statement said.

"The joint investigation team confirms that a number of civilians were killed in the course of the fighting but is unable to determine with certainty which of those casualties were Taliban fighters and which were noncombatants because those killed are all buried," the statement said.

Civilian casualties have long been a source of tension between the U.S. and Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who has pleaded with American officials to cut down on the number of civilians killed in its military operations.

## Swat Valley refugees seek relief from fighting

The Associated Press

MINGORA, Pakistan — Civilians covered in hospital beds on Saturday and refugees looted U.N. supplies — all of them desperate for relief from the fighting that has engulfed a northwestern valley as troops and warplanes try to drive out Taliban militants.

The prime minister, directing millions of dollars to help the residents of a region where backing for the central government has sometimes been tenuous, described the offensive launched last week as a "war of the country's survival."

The army "can only be successful if there is support of the masses," Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, who authorized the Swat offensive on Thursday, said after an emergency Cabinet meeting.

Farther south, a suspected U.S. missile strike killed nine people, mostly foreigners, in another militant stronghold near the Afghan border, officials said. The identities of the victims were not immediately clear.

Pakistan's leaders launched the full-scale offensive last week to halt the spread of Taliban control in districts within 60 miles of the capital. Pakistan's army is fighting to wrest Swat and neighboring districts from militants who dominate the adjoining tribal belt along the Afghan frontier.

But the fighting has caused the



MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

People from Pakistan's troubled areas of Mingora and Buner in the Swat Valley, line up for food Wednesday in a Mardan refugee camp near Peshawar, Pakistan. Hundreds of thousands of people have fled from fighting between Taliban militants and government security forces.

flight of hundreds of thousands of terrified residents. Witness accounts indicated that scores of civilians have already been killed or injured in the escalating clashes in Swat and the neighboring Buner and Lower Dir districts.

Only three doctors remained Saturday at the hospital in Swat's main town, Mingora.

Riaz Khan, a 36-year-old schoolteacher, his wife and two daughters occupied four of the beds, shrapnel wounds on their arms and legs bandaged. Khan said his other two daughters were

killed three days earlier when a mortar shell hit their home near Mingora.

"We buried our daughters on Thursday when the army relaxed the curfew," he said. "We reached the hospital only with great difficulty."

Pakistani and U.N. officials say the total number of displaced residents might reach half a million.

The army says it is reinforcing the 12,000 to 15,000 troops in Swat as they take on 4,000 to 5,000 militants.

The military said its helicop-

ter gunships attacked militant hide-outs in Mingora and killed 15 fighters. An estimated 30 to 40 more died in smaller clashes elsewhere, the statement said. Four soldiers were wounded.

Provincial Information Minister Iftikhar Hussain blamed the Taliban for the deaths of innocents.

"The militants are using civilian population as a human shield and they have dug trenches in civilian areas," Hussain said, adding they were firmly in control of Mingora.

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# Complacency is a risk in 'Typhoon Alley'

## Military personnel urged to stay alert

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Dionne Tirschel nearly quaked at the sight: a handful of small cars embedded into walls of concrete structures, some as high as 10 feet off the ground.

It was Dec. 16, 1997, and Tirschel had just emerged from lockdown at Andersen Air Force Base after Super Typhoon Paka, with its 185 mph gusts, ravaged Guam.

"Like somebody throwing lawn darts," Tirschel, now a technical sergeant assigned to Kadena's 18th Wing Weather Flight, recalled last week.

Such is the power that people need to be concerned with as the 2009 northwest Pacific's tropical cyclone season approaches, she said. The season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, but already there have been two numbered and named storms.

Communication, preparation and avoiding complacency are keys, Tirschel said.

"People need to understand the risks and prepare for them," she said. "People might say, 'Oh, it's nothing.' It takes just that one time for it not to be 'nothing' to cause some headaches."

Okinawa sits in the heart of what's called "Typhoon Alley." Many tropical storms spawn east of Guam in Micronesia, track to the northwest between Taiwan and Kyushu Island in Japan, then curve northeast, with Okinawa a prime target between those two land masses.

Whether in mainland Japan, South Korea, Okinawa or Guam, preparation levels are governed by a series of tropical cyclone conditions of readiness, issued by base authorities as a storm gets closer to that particular land mass.

Longtimers on Okinawa and especially newcomers who've never encountered tropical storms are most susceptible to complacency, Tirschel said.

Not since Typhoon Man-yi in July 2007 has Okinawa entered TCCOR 1E (emergency) status. Last year, Okinawa never reached higher than TCCOR 3.

The average number of storms per season is 28; last year, there were 22.

"I understand people get frustrated" when they're told repeatedly that a storm is coming, then it doesn't, Tirschel said. "These things are too unpredictable. All it takes is the one to make you regret not listening."

One bit of good news is the chances of New Orleans-style fishbowl similar to when Katrina blasted out of the Gulf of Mexico are nonexistent.

"Our structures are built better than (in) the Gulf," she said.

Okinawa sits above sea level, and hills and buildings tend to provide some friction to slow down wind speeds.

But besides the wind there are heavy rains that can clog storm drains and cause flooding. Man-yi dumped 15 inches of rain on Okinawa in two days.

Storms that hit mainland Japan and the Korea peninsula tend to be weaker because sea-surface temperatures are cooler and wind shear stronger at those latitudes.

Wherever one might be, planning ahead is vital, Tirschel said. Visit the commissary to build an emergency supply. Clean up around quarters. Move bicycles and lawn mowers indoors or tie things down outdoors.

Local media play a role in keeping people informed.

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**Above: A firefighter from the base fire department watches over casualties of a simulated roof collapse at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on Friday. The base was participating in the annual typhoon exercise, Reliant Gale.**

**Left: Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Sandoval, right, of Yokosuka Naval Hospital, administers care to Seaman James Driver during the exercise.**

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Stars and Stripes

## Yokosuka trains for typhoon

By DAVID J. CARTER  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Bodies lay strewn about the floor as emergency medical personnel and firefighters worked furiously to save the "injured."

"We're assessing our response and capabilities in the event of a natural disaster," Lt. David Johnston, Yokosuka's training and readiness officer, said Friday during Reliant Gale, the annual typhoon readiness exercise.

The command-mandated drill kicked off Monday, progressing through all four Pacific tropical cyclone conditions of readiness throughout the week.

Friday represented the recovery portion of the exercise, with a simulated roof col-

lapse at Yokosuka's Thew Gym.

Johnston said a tabletop portion of the exercise is the only required part, but they chose to execute a full-scale field scenario.

"You can always estimate response times," he said. "But conducting exercises like this gives you a clear picture of where you're at."

Johnston said it was the first time the base has had an interagency response of this magnitude. Fire, medical, security, public works, regional dispatch center and emergency operations center personnel all participated in the drill.

"It's important to know our preparedness in response to a natural disaster," he said.

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### Conditions of readiness

Following is a list of Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness stages and what they mean to U.S. military bases and personnel. Wind speeds shown serve as a decision-making guide.

Final decisions on TCCOR rest with base commanders, weather forecasts, safety and operational and mission concerns.

Follow progress, path, wind-speed and direction of tropical storms at <http://metocph.nmci.navy.mil/jtwc.php>.

Base commanders' access channels offer current weather forecasts and typhoon warnings and alerts.

#### TCCOR 4

Destructive winds of 58 mph or greater are possible within 72 hours. Time is now to stock up on food and typhoon supplies. TCCOR 4 will continuously be in effect as a minimum condition of readiness from June 1 to Nov. 30 annually on Okinawa.

#### TCCOR 3

Destructive winds of 58 mph or greater are possible within 48 hours. Initiate a general cleanup around homes and office.

#### TCCOR 2

Destructive winds of 58 mph or greater are possible within 24 hours. Remove or secure all outside items.

#### TCCOR 1

Destructive winds of 58 mph or greater are possible within 12 hours. No school for Department of Defense Dependents Schools students. Staff and teachers will work normal hours, unless changed by the school district superintendent. Fill any containers you can use for water storage. If living in low-lying quarters, make arrangements to stay with a friend. Make final check of food and other supplies.

#### TCCOR 1C (caution)

Destructive winds of 58 mph or greater are anticipated within 12 hours. Actual winds are between 39 and 56 mph. All non-essential personnel will be released to their quarters, DODDS schools will close and staff and teachers will return or remain home. Base exchange, shops, commissary, shopettes, gas stations, services facilities, clubs, restaurants, recreational facilities and post offices will close. Movement about the base should be kept to a minimum. On Okinawa, security forces will enforce "essential vehicles only" policy, in accordance with Kadena Air Base operations plan 32-1, "Base Disaster Operations Plan." Other bases may use similar measures according to their tropical cyclone policies.

#### TCCOR 1E (emergency)

Winds of 58 mph or greater are occurring. Outside activity prohibited.

#### TCCOR 1R (recovery)

Destructive winds of 58 mph or greater are no longer occurring. Actual winds are between 39 and 56 mph. Nonessential functions remain closed unless directed by the installation commander. All but emergency-essential personnel remain in their quarters.

#### Storm Watch

Typhoon is moving away, but the base is still feeling some effects. Hazardous conditions may exist due to storm damage. In some cases, the storm could return, so remain alert. All military and civilian personnel will return to work within two hours or at normal duty hours, and commissaries and base exchanges will resume operations unless otherwise instructed by their installation commander.

#### All Clear

Hazardous conditions and winds are no longer present. Return to normal duties. All Clear is announced when all hazards have been cleared. DODDS teachers, staff and students will return to school during normal hours. From June 1 to Nov. 30, seasonal TCCOR 4 will resume.





## Sailors train as first responders and in nonlethal weapons use

By T.D. FLACK  
Stars and Stripes

NAVAL AIR FACILITY MISA-WA, Japan — Ten U.S. naval security forces sailors finished up two weeks of training last week led by a team of visiting Naval Criminal Investigative Service specialists.

The junior sailors, all masters-at-arms, spent the first week earning a basic-level certification in nonlethal weapons training at this base in northern Japan.

Chief Petty Officer Chris Clavier — an anti-terrorism/force protection physical security specialist from Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan — said the sailors he was training are now authorized to give basic nonlethal weapons training to their peers.

That includes techniques such as pepper spray, using the baton and physically controlling suspects, he said.

The second week focused on first-responder training, everything from crime scene investi-



**Left:** Seaman Joseph Lisondra, front, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jessie Ramirez, partially obscured, Seaman Keisha Ferguson and Seaman Andrew Smith advance toward a vacant hangar at Naval Air Facility Misawa on Thursday. **Middle:** Seaman Caleb Nuckels, left, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Silva, right, prepare to handcuff Petty Officer 1st Class Vira Detiveaux, playing the role of a possible felony suspect, during the security training Wednesday. **Right:** U.S. Navy security forces sailors clear a room and take down a threatening suspect during a room-clearing exercise Thursday.

gation to vehicle stops, domestic violence calls to clearing a building occupied by armed suspects.

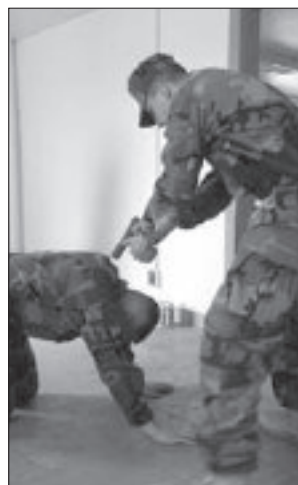
They also studied procedures for dealing with homemade explosives.

"Even if they don't use these techniques at this command, they should know" what to do and be



able to look back on the training in future assignments, he said.

On Thursday, Clavier joined fellow team members Chief Petty Officers George Dettman, from San Diego, and Emmett Roberson Jr., from Yokosuka, in leading the students through the "crawl, walk, run" stage of clearing a



building.

Moving in three- or four-member teams, the sailors burst into rooms, armed with rubber training weapons, shouting at fellow sailors playing the role of "bad guys."

The trainers walked the students through the scenarios,

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**Above:** An anti-terrorism/force protection physical security specialist waits for a group of Navy security force sailors to enter a room during an exercise Thursday at Naval Air Facility Misawa in northern Japan.

stressing communication and attention to detail on each step.

They also peppered lessons with personal experiences.

Roberson told one group of students how a minor mistake meant that he took two "simulation" training rounds, similar to paintballs, to his lower back during a training session.

"You don't forget that," he said. "I would have been dead that day" in an actual situation.

Dettman said the goal was to provide the students a taste of reality and good basic skills sets.

"They can take all this information and continue to train and build on it," he said.

Seaman Andrew Smith said focusing on every little step with the fundamentals was difficult but important to him during his training.

Getting it right, he said, means "no one gets hurt, everyone comes home safe."

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## Typhoon: Use caution even if winds seem to calm

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When Okinawa is placed in TCCOR 1C (caution) status, AFN-Okinawa's DJs remain on the air 24 hours a day, announcing accelerated TCCORs, weather updates, closures, "you name it," said AFN-Okinawa affiliate superintendent Air Force Master Sgt. Dorlinda Barker.

Other outlets such as commander's access channels and online public affairs Web sites also provide the latest.

"The message is the same: Be prepared," said Master Sgt. Jeff Loftin, Kadena's 18th Wing PAO superintendent.

Tirschel advocates staying indoors once a storm hits. "Don't be out on the porch doing a typhoon party, or be on the beach watching the waves. That's what gets people hurt," she said.

Even after a storm passes, she said, "a road could be flooded, power lines could go down. A lot of things could go wrong for you."

People can especially be fooled into thinking the storm is over if the calm eye passes over the island. As the back eye wall hits, "you go from calm to no-kidding winds immediately, sometimes even higher than before," Tirschel said.

Those living off base might note that Japanese people are out in their cars or walking even when TCCOR 1E has been declared.

"Don't do it," Tirschel said. "They're going to do their thing. The commander has directed you to stay inside for a reason."

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## Cowpen sailors meet Russian counterparts

Capt. Holly Graf, second from right, commanding officer of the guided-missile cruiser USS Cowpens, and Russian Capt. 1st Rank Podkopaylo Petr Aleksandrovich, right, follow along as Russian naval officers plot a course Thursday for the Cowpens to follow to maneuver into the harbor in Vladivostok, Russia. Cowpens is on a scheduled port visit in Vladivostok, where U.S. sailors are taking part in community service projects and meeting with their Russian navy counterparts. Cowpens is assigned to the George Washington Carrier Strike Group and operates out of Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

KYLE MURRAY  
Courtesy of the U.S. Navy





# 'The enemy has free rein'

## Taliban command of Afghan terrain makes fighting conditions difficult

By DREW BROWN  
Stars and Stripes

**T**ZANGABAD, Afghanistan — Two companies of American soldiers accompanied Canadian forces on a recent four-day operation into Kandahar province's Panjwayi district, where some of the sharpest fighting has occurred against the Taliban insurgency in southern Afghanistan.

The American mission was to help secure a narrow dirt track that led to the village of Mushan, about 10 kilometers to the west, where the Canadians would tear down a small outpost that had been occupied since late 2006 by eight Canadian advisers and 60 Afghan soldiers.

According to U.S. and Canadian officers, the small force had not been able to do much to counter the Taliban in the area. The fort had been under frequent attack. So the troops would be pulled out

as part of a new NATO strategy to reposition forces around Kandahar and other major population centers in southern Afghanistan.

By early afternoon on the third day, the mission was almost complete. The engineers had finished their work, and the armored column of more than 400 Canadians, 200 Americans and 100 Afghans was beginning to move out.

Then a Taliban bomb struck a Canadian tank, wounding two soldiers and putting the tank out of action.

There was no way for the rest of the convoy to move around the wreckage. The high-walled compounds and deeply trenched opium and wheat fields along the road gave almost no room to maneuver. With most of the column bottled up behind the disabled tank, the convoy was stalled for most of another day as recovery specialists worked to extract the vehicle.

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**Left: First Lt. Ashton Ballesteros and an interpreter talk to a local man near the village of Zangabad in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. The soldiers were helping secure a road.**

**Above: A soldier watches as a supply helicopter lands to drop off more ammunition and other supplies after a two-hour firefight between soldiers with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment and Taliban insurgents.**

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Stars and Stripes

## 2nd Platoon soldiers survive harrowing Taliban ambush



DREW BROWN/Stars and Stripes

From left, Sgt. Zachary Sweller, 27, of Merrillville, Ind., Cpl. Aaron Barrett, 31, of South Bend, Ind., and Spc. Chad Brown, 24, of Jacksonville, Fla., survived a close ambush by Taliban fighters near the village of Zangabad in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. The soldiers are with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment.

By DREW BROWN  
Stars and Stripes

**ZANGABAD, Afghanistan** — On the second day of their operation, soldiers with 2nd Platoon were out on patrol again, not far from where they had gotten into a firefight with Taliban fighters the day before.

Kiowa scout helicopters were overhead, keeping watch on two men who had been shadowing the platoon for a while. They were believed to be part of the group that had set up the previous day's ambush.

The platoon was nearing the end of the patrol when the lead squad entered a narrow alley set amid poppy fields and mud brick walls.

The alley forced the soldiers to narrow into a single file. Cpl. Aaron Barrett, who was walking point, turned and told the soldier behind him, Spc. Chad Brown, to keep his eyes sharp and be prepared for a close ambush.

*"They didn't show any fear, that's for sure."*

**Cpl. Aaron Barrett**  
2nd Platoon

The alley curved. As soon as Barrett went around the curve, two Taliban fighters opened up on him and Brown from no more than 10 to 15 feet away.

Barrett, 31, of South Bend, Ind., dove for cover behind a stump when the barrage started.

"I was trying to get as small as possible," he said, recounting the events a few days later.

Brown, who was carrying an M-249 light machine gun, was just behind Barrett in the file. He hit the dirt and began returning fire.

"We wanted to break contact, but the Taliban fire was too intense," said Brown, 24, of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Taliban had Barrett caught

in a crossfire. One fighter with an AK-47 rifle was crouched behind a low wall, just to his front. Another was firing a PKM machine gun at him from down an alley to his left.

Taliban gunshots were cracking all around him, so close "I could feel the heat from the barrel and the pressure from the [muzzle blast] coming by my face," Barrett recalled.

"If I had gotten up and started to move, I'd have been hosed with bullets."

He was so close he found himself staring directly into the enemy's eyes. The two Taliban fighters, he said, appeared "happy" that they were shooting at the Americans.

"They didn't show any fear, that's for sure," he said.

But then the PKM jammed, and the fighter in the alley took off running. At that point, Barrett looked back and saw Sgt. Zachary

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First Lt. Ashton Ballesteros, 24, of Grayson, Ga., with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, jumps over an irrigation ditch while on patrol near the village of Zangabad in Kandahar province, Afghanistan.

# Terrain: U.S. advantages offset

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"It's amazing that 10 dudes with shovels can stop a whole battalion," said Capt. Chris Brawley, commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, commenting on how a single Taliban bomb had brought the convoy to a halt.

The column moved safely out of the area the next morning. Soldiers with Company A engaged in three firefights, but suffered no casualties. A soldier from Company D had been slightly injured in a blast, one of several bombs that had either exploded or been found along the route.

By any measure, the mission had been a success, but it bore out a fundamental challenge that U.S. and other NATO forces face in southern Afghanistan: While western troops have the technology, the Taliban own the terrain.

Although U.S. and NATO troops enjoy the edge over the Taliban in almost every respect — superior weapons, communications gear, tanks, armored vehicles, artillery and air support by fighters, bombers, helicopters and unmanned drones — those tactical advantages are often offset by terrain that favors guerrilla tactics and a lightly armed, highly maneuverable enemy.

"The fighting conditions here are amazingly difficult," said Brawley, 28, of Ellington, Mo. "The enemy pretty much has free rein down here, and there's just endless places to hide."

## One way in, one way out

Another complicating factor in the Mushan operation was that "there's only one way in, and there's one way out," said Brawley, allowing the Taliban to detonate bombs along the route that were probably buried weeks and months ago.

Panjwayi district lies about 40 kilometers southwest of the provincial capital of Kandahar and has long been considered a Taliban stronghold. During Operation Medusa in 2006, Canadian and other NATO forces fought one of the bloodiest battles so far of the eight-year-old Afghan war in Panjwayi and nearby Zhari district.

The area is heavily cultivated with wheat, grapes, opium, marijuana and other crops. The fields are partitioned by thick mud walls, and irrigation ditches crisscross the landscape like a maze. A group of soldiers on patrol in a grape field can suddenly drop six to 10 feet into a series of trenches in which an enemy can move undetected.

Rows of open slats in the two-story structures the soldiers refer to as "grape huts" offer the Taliban ready-made firing ports that they



Capt. Chris Brawley, 28, of Ellington, Mo., commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, communicates by radio during a firefight with the Taliban near Zangabad.

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use to fire on NATO forces from concealed positions.

The thick mud walls of the buildings can withstand multiple hits from all but the heaviest ordnance.

"[The enemy] definitely has the advantage down here," said Company A 1st Sgt. Christopher Kowalewski, 36, of Chicago. "[Despite] all of the technology that we have — all of our helicopters — he still has the advantage down here."

## 3 gunbattles in 2 days

Soldiers from Company A engaged in three gunbattles with Taliban fighters over a two-day period during the Mushan operation. An estimated 10 fighters ambushed about 30 soldiers on the first day, keeping them pinned down for about two hours. The firefight ended only after American troops called for mortar and artillery fire, support from Kiowa helicopter gunships and, finally, an airstrike.

At one point, the Taliban were firing on the Americans from three sides. First Lt. Ashton Ballesteros, of 3 Delta platoon, said Canadian troops familiar with Taliban tactics in the area had told him the fighters typically "cloverleaf" around NATO forces during a fight, probing for weak spots.

"That's exactly what they were trying to do to us," said Ballesteros, 24, of Grayson, Ga.

U.S. mortar teams fired more than 30 rounds of 60 mm high explosives and nearly 30 rounds of white-phosphorous smoke, according to Staff Sgt. Jason Calman, 27, of Las

Vegas. Fire batteries at a nearby Canadian camp fired nearly 30 rounds of high-explosive 155 mm artillery rounds and another 18 rounds of white-phosphorous smoke. A NATO jet dropped a 500-pound bomb.

The soldiers used the smoke to cover their retreat. They made their way back to their patrol base through fields of wheat, opium and grapes, the latter with trenches that were deeper than the soldiers were tall.

"You could sit out an artillery barrage in this stuff and probably survive everything but a direct hit," one soldier said during a short rest break.

A second gunbattle broke out a couple of kilometers to the south when 2nd Platoon of Company A was ambushed by another group of Taliban fighters. The platoon was hit for a second time the next day not more than 100 meters from its patrol base.

An Afghan man with a child was spotted several times at various points during the second day's action. The soldiers believed the man was acting as spotter for the Taliban and using the child as a shield.

"They know we're not going to shoot him when he's with a kid," said 1st Lt. Jared Wagner, 25, of Hillsborough, N.J. "It's frustrating."

With so much Taliban activity around Zangabad and Mushan, Brawley predicted that NATO forces would have to "retake this whole area" at some point.

With Canadian forces scaling back their presence in Panjwayi and with more American forces coming into the south, that job will very likely fall to U.S. troops.

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## Ambush: 'We all made it back'

AMBUSH, FROM PAGE 5

Swelfer, charging up the narrow alley, firing his M-4 rifle.

Swelfer, 27, of Merrillville, Ind., who had been about 100 feet back in the file, couldn't pinpoint the source of the Taliban fire, but he knew Barrett was in serious trouble.

"He was pinned down bad," Swelfer said. "I wanted to get him out of there."

The enemy fire was constant, with Taliban bullets whizzing past as Swelfer ran forward.

"I don't know how I made it up through that alley," he said. "There were rounds all over the place."

Barrett was already up on one knee, preparing to throw a fragmentation grenade when Swelfer reached him. Barrett waited a few seconds, cooking the grenade off, then tossed it over the low wall to the front while Swelfer shot another M-203 grenade round down the alley from where the PKM had been firing.

After the grenade exploded, the enemy fire was suppressed, at least temporarily.

"That's when Swelfer and I looked at each other and said, 'We got to get the [expletive] out of here,'" Barrett said.

They fell back as Brown and others poured on covering fire. The soldiers peeled off into a compound about 20 to 30 yards down the alley and took cover. But they were soon taking fire again, this time from several positions to the south.

"It was a little nerve-racking," Barrett said. "At that point, I went into self-preservation mode, and just started laying down rounds."

The soldiers were caught in a maze of alleys and mud-brick buildings, any one of which could provide enemy cover. Farther down the alley, Staff Sgt. Jeff Ackermann tossed another grenade over a wall where he believed fighters were hiding.

"There were so many places people could've just popped out of," he said.

The Kiowa gunships that had been circling overhead began to pound the Taliban positions with .50-caliber machine gun fire and Hellfire missiles.

"It was a welcome sight to see them lighting that place up," said Brown, the machine gunner.

The platoon was able to break contact.

Capt. Chris Brawley, the company commander, said he plans to recommend that the soldiers and several others receive commendations for valor.

The most important thing, Swelfer said, is they all survived. "It was intense, that's for sure," he said. "But we're all alive, and we all made it back."

# VA: No way to prove tests infected patients

By BILL POOVEY  
The Associated Press

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Former patients who tested positive for HIV or hepatitis will not be able to show they were infected by tainted equipment at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals, a top doctor for the agency said Friday.

Dr. Jim Bagian, the VA's chief patient safety officer, said the patients won't be able to prove they were even exposed to improperly sterilized endoscopic equipment. The equipment is used for colonoscopies and ear, nose and throat procedures. It was discovered in December that equipment was either not properly cleaned or set up.

Five patients have tested positive for HIV and 33 have tested positive for hepatitis since February, when the VA started notifying more than 11,000 people treated at three VA medical centers to get follow-up blood checks because they could have been exposed to infectious body fluids. The hospitals are in Miami, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Augusta, Ga.

The blood tests are continuing. The agency has stressed that the positive results for the diseases might not have come from the VA's problems with dirty equipment.

"At this point I don't think we'll ever know" how the patients were infected, Bagian said.

Some veterans and members of Congress want more of an explanation than that.

"Some of them did not have these infections before their colonoscopies," said Mike Sheppard, a Nashville

lawyer representing some of the former VA patients.

Sheppard said the only way to find out how the infections were contracted is by examining all medical records — all of which are in the hands of the VA.

The U.S. House Committee on Veterans Affairs has set a June hearing for the VA inspector general to report on a review of the mistakes.

A spokesman for the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy said although the patients recently tested positive, they could have had the viruses for years without showing symptoms.

"I don't believe there is going to be any way to definitively link their HIV positive status to the facility," Dr. David A. Greenwald said Friday in a telephone interview from Montefiore Medical Center in New York.

The initial December discovery of an equipment mistake in Murfreesboro led to a nationwide safety "step-up" by the VA at its 153 medical centers. Since then, the problems have been discussed with staff at all VA hospitals and with representatives of the equipment manufacturer.

"We look at these as our patients," Bagian said. "We are not going to quibble about 'Was it caused because you are an IV drug user?' ... Suppose it was drug use. We are still going to treat

them anyway."

Each of the three centers had a different problem operating the same kind of equipment made by Olympus American, according to the VA. In Murfreesboro, the equipment was incorrectly rigged and might have allowed body fluid residue to transfer from patient to patient.

Bagian said the VA doesn't know how frequently that happened after the equipment was installed in 2003.

In Miami, a tube that was supposed to be cleaned after each colonoscopy was instead cleaned at the end of each day, Bagian said.

## Navy says 17 sailors infected by swine flu

By PAULINE JELINEK  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of sailors with swine flu has jumped to 17 from just a handful last week, the Navy said Friday.

Navy spokesman Lt. Cmdr. John M. Daniels said the number spiked when 11 suspected cases from the USS Dubuque were confirmed.

The Navy had announced Tuesday that it was canceling the deployment of the San Diego-based ship after one member of the crew fell ill.

The 11 new confirmed cases were among 50 people whom the Navy said at that

time were showing symptoms and being treated with the anti-viral drug Tamiflu.

The ship was scheduled to leave June 1 for the South Pacific.

All of the 17 infected sailors are in the San Diego area.

They include one at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, one at Naval Base San Diego, two at Naval Air Station North Island and one at the Naval Special Warfare Center.

The Navy is watching one Virginia case — the child of a sailor at the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine unit at Norfolk is reportedly infected.

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## IN THE STATES

# Obama to deliver speech to Muslims in Egypt

By MARGARET TALEV  
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McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will visit Egypt on June 4 to deliver a long-planned speech aimed at convincing Muslims worldwide that the U.S. isn't at war with their faith.

Egypt is a strategic but politically risky choice for such a venue. With more than 83 million people, it's the most populous nation in the Middle East.

However, the Egyptian government, led by 81-year-old President Hosni Mubarak, is widely criticized for its authoritarian rule, corruption and human rights abuses, issues that are likely to provoke criticism of Obama's choice to speak there, and that

will require him to walk a careful line between promoting democratic values and criticizing his host.

The speech is expected to be delivered in Cairo, historically an Arabic center of intellectual thought in the Muslim world, but the location hasn't been finalized, according to White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs.

Gibbs called Egypt "a country that in many ways represents the heart of the Arab world" and said the speech won't be aimed at Muslim leaders so much as it will be at the populace.

It represents "a continuing effort by this president and this White House to demonstrate how we can work together to ensure the safety and security and the future well-being through hope and opportunity of the

children of this country and of the Muslim world," he said.

The State Department's most recent human rights report said Mubarak's regime routinely abuses human and political rights, employing torture, detaining hundreds of people without charges or trial, including political opponents, restricting freedom of speech and the press, and rigging elections.

"The government's respect for human rights remained poor, and serious abuses continued in many areas," the report for 2008 said.

Gibbs acknowledged that "the issues of democracy and human rights... are on the president's mind," and said "we'll have a chance to discuss those in more depth on the trip."

## Obama's overseas trip

**June 4:** The president will deliver a speech at a yet-to-be-determined site in Egypt.

**June 5:** In Germany, Obama will visit the notorious Nazi camp at Buchenwald, where thousands of Europeans were starved, worked to death or executed. He will also go to Dresden, which was destroyed by Allied fire-bombers in February 1945.

**June 6:** Obama will be in France to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Allies' invasion of Normandy on D-Day.

From The Associated Press

## N.Y.'s Liberty restored as 9/11 towers stall

### Public access to statue's crown scheduled to resume July 4

By ELIZABETH LLORENTE  
The (Hackensack N.J.) Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — It's a scene that has played out repeatedly over the past seven years.

A fourth-grader from Johnson City, N.Y., on a class trip to the Statue of Liberty on Friday wanted to visit the statue's crown, but couldn't.

"He kept on saying, 'I wanna go, I wanna go,'" said his mother, Arlene Dobryznski, who was a chaperone for the school visit.

On Independence Day, that little boy and all others who want to climb to the crown just need to get in line. On Friday, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar was on Ellis Island to announce the reopening of the crown.

"The deal is done," Salazar said at a news conference, as he stood on a makeshift stage near Ellis Island's seawall.

"The great birthday present for the American people, on July Fourth, is that we will once again be able to have one of the most awesome experiences in the world."

The crown has been closed since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks,

when the nation took extraordinary steps to secure monuments considered vulnerable national security targets. The pedestal reopened after major renovations in 2004. At present, visitors can walk up only through the pedestal.

Concerns about the safety of the crown had surfaced well before Sept. 11. Most alarming was that it was accessible only by a narrow, 168-step staircase that posed a danger in the event of a fire, a terrorist attack or other emergency.

"We cannot eliminate all the risk of climbing to the crown, but we are taking steps to make it safer," Salazar said.

At Ellis Island, Salazar and other officials said the crown is too important to keep shuttered.

More than 12 million immigrants entered the country between 1892 and 1954 through Ellis Island, and some 40 percent of American citizens can trace a family connection to it.

Lady Liberty, he added, has been a symbol of the promise of America since 1886.

"Protecting her is a sacred trust," Salazar said.



Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced Friday that the Statue of Liberty's crown will reopen on July 4 for the first time since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The viewing area was closed when the U.S. took additional steps to secure monuments considered national security targets.

AP

## Body found fits Georgia professor's description

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Police believe they found the body Saturday of a University of Georgia professor accused of killing his wife and two other people at a community theater two weeks ago.

Two guns were found with the body, purposely hidden by dirt and brush, that fit the description of marketing professor George Zinkhan, said Athens-Clarke County Police Chief Joseph Lumpkin said. The weapons were consistent with the guns used in the April 25 shootings near the university.

"There's nothing to indicate to us that it's not him," said Jim Fullington of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

The body was discovered about a mile from where Zinkhan's Jeep was found wrecked and abandoned in a ravine a week ago. Authorities hoped to have a positive identification and cause of death by the end of the day, but didn't immediately release details about how they thought he died.

Cadaver dogs found the body in thick woods about 10 miles west of Athens in Bogart, where Zinkhan had a home. Searchers had been looking in the area since the Jeep was discovered.

Zinkhan has been missing since police say he opened fire on a reunion for a local theater group.

The shooting victims were identified as Zinkhan's wife Marie Bruce, 47; Ben Teague, 63; and Tom Tanner, 40. Two others were injured by bullet fragments.

## Mayor calls for meeting to address development dispute

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The mayor and a top state lawmaker on Friday called for a meeting to resolve a power struggle at ground zero, with growing momentum to build fewer skyscrapers than planned in an uncertain economy.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg invited the governors of New York and New Jersey, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, the agency that owns ground zero and trade center developer Larry Silverstein to a meeting at his mansion this week.

The developer and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey are in stalled, bitter talks to renegotiate Silverstein's lease at the site for the second time since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Silverstein has rights to build three of five planned office towers and controls development on the eastern half of the site, where the Port Authority is building a \$3.2 billion transit hub. The Port Authority is building a 1,776-foot tower and has rights to another.

Silverstein has asked the agency to back financing for all three of his towers. The agency has agreed to back at least one.

The standoff threatens to delay already pushed-back deadlines for all of Silverstein's towers, the hub and the Sept. 11 memorial.

Silver on Friday called the delays "an embarrassment to our city, our state and to the nation."

"For whatever reason, the dynamic has broken down again. We cannot afford to halt negotiations, to continuously alter and re-

alter our plans," he added.

Silver said he backed construction of at least two of Silverstein's towers, in addition to the 1,776-foot One World Trade Center tower being built by the Port Authority.

Gov. David Paterson and the Port Authority issued separate statements appearing to back more modest rebuilding plans.

A spokeswoman for New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine said Friday Corzine encourages any move to speed up construction.

The five towers, part of a master plan designed in 2003, would replace the 10 million square feet of office space destroyed on Sept. 11, 2001. Officials have touted the rebuilding as a sign of the city's defiance of terrorism and an investment in its financial district.



## IN THE WORLD

## Japan, Australia latest to fall to swine flu

By YURI KAGEYAMA  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese authorities scrambled Saturday to track travelers who arrived on the same flight as three people diagnosed with the country's first confirmed cases of swine flu. Australia also joined the ranks of affected countries with its first confirmed case.

Authorities in Tokyo quarantined a high school teacher and two teenage students who returned Friday from a school trip to Canada after they tested positive at the airport.

News reports said as many as 11 people on the Northwest Airlines flight from Detroit avoided virus screenings at Narita International Airport. The authorities said at least 13 people — believed to be separate from the reported 11 the ministry was still investigating — had gone on to other destinations in transit from that flight, and efforts were under way to contact them through the World Health Organization.

Japanese Health and Welfare Minister Yoichi Masuzoe acknowledged it would be difficult

to trace all those who came into contact with the infected Japanese, who visited Ontario on a home-stay program with about 30 other students.

Public broadcaster NHK TV urged people who were aboard the flight to call a special telephone number for consultations. So far, 49 have been traced and will be monitored for 10 days, officials said.

In the Canadian province of Alberta, the chief medical officer on Friday confirmed the death of a woman infected with the virus. The woman, who was in her 30s and had other health problems, died April 28.

Officials said she had not left the country recently but could not confirm whether she was in contact with anyone who had recently returned from Mexico, where swine flu has hit hardest. Dr. Andre Corriveau, Alberta's chief health officer, said 300 people who attended the woman's wake were being monitored for signs of the illness.

The World Health Organization has said based on past outbreaks, it is possible that a third of the world's population, or about

2 billion people, could become infected if this outbreak turns into a two-year pandemic. Independent experts agreed it was possible but pointed out that many would not show any symptoms.

People with chronic illnesses are at greatest risk for severe illness from the flu, along with the elderly and young children. So far, most of those with the swine flu in the U.S. and Mexico have been young adults.

A report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said America's two swine flu deaths — a toddler and a pregnant woman who both died in Texas — each suffered from several other illnesses when they were infected with the virus.

Australia reported its first case on Saturday in a woman it said was no longer infectious. She first noticed her symptoms while traveling in the U.S., federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon told reporters.

New Zealand — the first country in the Asia-Pacific region to confirm cases — reported two more on Saturday for a total of seven. Mexico announced Saturday its death toll had climbed to 48.



KIN CHEUNG/AP

**Metropark Hotel guests celebrate Friday after being released from a quarantine in Hong Kong. About 280 guests and employees were kept inside the building for a week.**

## Pope thanked for effort to mend rift

The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — The top religious adviser to Jordan's king thanked Pope Benedict XVI on Saturday for expressing regret after a speech three years ago that many Muslims deemed insulting to Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

Prince Ghazi bin Mohammed spoke after giving Benedict a tour of the biggest mosque in Amman, his second visit to a Muslim place of worship since becoming pope in 2005. Benedict is in Jordan on his first Middle East tour in which he hopes to improve strained ties with both Muslims and Jews.

The pope angered many in the Muslim world in 2006 when he quoted a Medieval text that characterized some of Muhammad's



PIER PAOLO CITI/AP

**Pope Benedict XVI, left, flanked by Prince Ghazi bin Mohammed, visits the King Hussein Bin Talal mosque Saturday in Amman, Jordan.**

teachings as "evil and inhuman," particularly "his command to spread by the sword the faith."

Shortly after giving the speech, Benedict said he regretted the comments offended Muslims.

Ghazi thanked Benedict for the clarification he issued after the speech that the views did not reflect his own opinion but were instead "simply a citation in an

academic lecture."

Benedict told the audience of religious leaders and government officials assembled at the King Hussein mosque Saturday that Muslims and Christians must strive to be seen as faithful worshippers of God "because of the burden of our common history" that has often been marked by misunderstanding.

## S. Africans jubilant as Zuma steps in

The Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Jacob Zuma became president of Africa's economic powerhouse Saturday, vowing to work to fulfill the dreams of all South Africans after he overcame corruption and sex scandals to reach the nation's highest office.

Tens of thousands of spectators at Zuma's inauguration screamed their approval of Zuma, whose popularity rivals only that of Nelson Mandela.

"The dreams and hopes of all the people of our country must be fulfilled," Zuma promised. "There is no place for complacency, no place for cynicism, no place for excuses."

South Africa's fourth president since apartheid ended 15 years ago is no stranger to struggle. Zuma, 67, is a former guerrilla fighter and intelligence chief of the African National Congress

who has since survived corruption and sex scandals and an internal power struggle within his party.

Zuma was jailed for 10 years on Robben Island, alongside Mandela, and spent 15 years in exile.

Zuma now leads a country where at least a quarter of the work force is unemployed and 1,000 people die of AIDS every day. He is promising to speed up delivery of houses, clinics, schools and running water.

On Saturday, he acknowledged the "difficult economic times" and that "we are beginning to feel the pinch." But he said "the foundations of our economy are strong and we need to continue to build on them."

Sydney Mokoena, a 48-year-old Pretoria high school teacher said he admired Zuma for the calm he showed during his legal battles over corruption allegations.



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# She hopes

**"I've been a girl all of my life and I've been looking for music that is made for girls, performed by girls and that talks about girl issues. It's just not enough of it out there."**

— Ida Maria



AP

**Recording artist Ida Maria poses for a portrait in New York. The Norwegian has just released an album, "Fortress Around My Heart" to some success in the United States.**

# to ROCK in the U.S.A.

BY MESFIN FEKADU  
The Associated Press

**N**o offense guys, but singer Ida Maria is hoping to please women, not you. The Norwegian rocker, who just released her debut CD, "Fortress Around My Heart," says she makes music that speaks to women.

"I don't mind guys coming to my concert, it's not that, but I really want to do music that can speak to girls, (that) could have an open conversation (with them)," she said in a recent interview.

It's not that the 24-year-old doesn't want men to enjoy her music, it's just that Ida Maria feels there's a lack of female voices in the music industry — and she hopes to fill that void.

"I've been a girl all of my life and I've been looking for music that is made for girls, performed by girls and that talks about girl issues. It's just not enough of it out there," she said.

Ida Maria grew up in Nesna, a university town in Norway with a population of less than 2,000. She says her upbringing and environment inspired the way she

## Norway's latest import Ida Maria says her music is chick-friendly

wrote the songs on her CD.

"I had a wonderful childhood, it was very much nature — a lot of clouds, a lot of climbing in the mountains and out fishing with my dad ... I've written lyrics that are honest, and I think that's just a cultural thing (because) of where I'm from," she said.

Ida Maria has already seen some success in the United Kingdom with her first single, "I Like You So Much Better When You're Naked," which reached the top 20. She's also headlined a sold-out tour there and now is hoping to duplicate that success in the United States.

Her newest single, "Oh My God," is getting a boost since it's been featured in the CW's hit series "Gossip Girl."

"That was cool, but I never watched the program myself," Ida Maria acknowledged. "I don't watch much TV, but I realized that a lot of people watch it so that's a good thing."

Ida Maria says she recorded "Fortress Around My Heart" in 10 days while touring through London, Sweden and Norway.

"Some of the songs were demos so we were just happy with them so I just put them on the record. It was really like a quick, get-it-out-of-the-way kind of thing," she said.

Though Ida Maria's CD fuses alternative rock and metal, she says she's mostly influenced by soul, blues and jazz, name-dropping Miles Davis and Diana Ross as favorites.

But Ida Maria's dad may be the singer's greatest influence.

"My dad's been playing in all these different bands, [and I'd] just come to the rehearsals instead of him finding a baby sitter for me. We would sit in and listen to soul bands," she said.

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## SCIENCE &amp; MEDICINE

# Launching microbes

## Foot-long satellite to test how yeast responds to medications while orbiting in space

By MICHAEL TORRICE

San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Millions of microbe astronauts are being launched into space aboard a NASA satellite.

These germs are part of a mission led by the NASA Ames Research Center at California's Moffett Field to study how floating in space alters a medication's effectiveness.

On earth, doctors prescribe drugs to cure infections caused by microbes such as bacteria and yeast. The NASA team's goal is to understand how these germs respond to treatment in outer space.

Previous space experiments have sug-

gested greater amounts of drugs are needed to kill microbes aboard an orbiting spacecraft, said mission manager Bruce Yost.

Yost and his team will measure the extent of these microbes' resistance to drugs on a new satellite called PharmaSat.

"It's a big crew safety issue," Yost said. "If you have to maintain the health of people on a long space mission, the flight doctors need to know how to prescribe drugs appropriately."

After decades of space travel, scientists have observed that space changes human biology. When astronauts go on long space



NASA

missions, they experience muscle atrophy, loss of bone density and a weakening of their immune systems.

Scientists believe the reduced gravity and higher levels of radiation in space cause these changes. But they have little information about how these conditions affect other organisms, such as germs, that can infect humans. One effect of space's extreme conditions on microbes could be an increased resistance to drugs.

The NASA team decided to study brewer's yeast. Although these microbes are harmless to humans, they are a model for other germs that cause disease, Yost said.

The experiment will last only 100 hours and take place within the foot-long PharmaSat satellite.

"Everyone affectionately says it's about the size of a loaf of bread," said project

manager Elwood Agasid.

After launching from NASA's Wallop Flight Center in Virginia on a Minotaur 1 rocket, PharmaSat will separate from the rocket and begin its orbit 285 miles above Earth. As the craft races through space at 17,000 mph, NASA scientists will wake the dormant yeast with a shot of food.

Once the microbes start reproducing at a healthy rate, the satellite will start adding doses of an anti-fungal drug known to kill the microbes on Earth. PharmaSat will record how much yeast survives over time and beam the data back down to scientists.

Meanwhile, scientists on the ground will perform the same experiment in a laboratory and compare the death rates of the orbiting and Earth-bound yeast.

Although scientists will stop collecting data after six months, PharmaSat will remain in orbit to test the capabilities of small orbiting satellites for future biology experiments. The satellite will re-enter the Earth's atmosphere and burn up in four years, Yost said.

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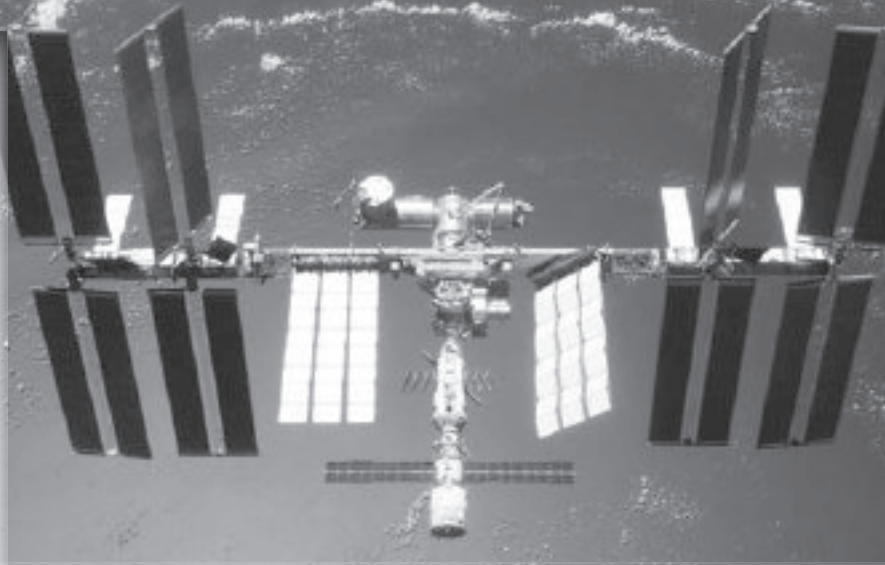
By JOHN KEILMAN

Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO — As a public service, Art Maurer would like you to know that the bright light you might see skimming across the sky is not a UFO.

Maurer runs the planetarium at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Ill., and in that job he hears quite a bit of chatter about extraterrestrials. He's not much of a believer in little green men from Mars, so after the International Space Station was outfitted with a new set of reflective solar panels, he thought it best to toss out a peremptory bucket of cold water.

"If somebody starts giving you these calls (about UFOs), it's the International Space Station," he said. At certain times of the year, the satellite will be "bright enough that



NASA

The International Space Station is seen above the Earth from Space Shuttle Discovery in March.

people will say, 'Oh, this must be a flying saucer.' It's just our own flying saucer."

The space station in March added its final two solar panels. NASA says the extra energy they generate will allow the station to double its crew to six, and to fully power its science experiments.

The panels also added to the brightness of the station as observed from Earth. But NASA spokesman Kyle Herring didn't think the difference was dramatic.

It will look like "a fast-moving star," said Herring, but it isn't likely to be mistaken for an alien craft.

Maurer, who said he has seen the planet Venus and the star Sirius labeled as UFOs, wasn't so certain.

"There are nearly 30 or 40 flying saucers reported every night in this country," he said.



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## YOUR MONEY

## Some shoppers starting to splurge

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As they watched stocks rally last month, Matt Rizzetta and his fiancée Daniela Papandrea loosened up their wedding and home renovation budgets.

They're springing for fancier flowers and seafood as well as chicken. They'll spend two extra days on their honeymoon in Greece. And they're getting granite countertops installed in their kitchen in their new house.

Shoppers tired of fretting about every expense are starting to treat themselves again — albeit just a bit — amid tentative signs that the economy may be stabilizing. These splurges — dining on steak instead of a hamburger or buying a coveted handbag — are providing a little relief to businesses that are still suffering as spending remains weak.

"We always were crunching numbers and worrying about every little penny," said Rizzetta, a 26-year-old marketing executive in New York. "It has been somewhat of a relief to spend a little more."

To be sure, these signs of life do not signal a swift turnaround. Job losses keep rising and confidence in the economy remains near historic lows. Some economists even warn of a double-dip recession, with another contraction com-



Elizabeth Anderson, who runs a public relations company, in Waco, Texas, is sticking to new habits like shopping for groceries at Wal-Mart, but she is returning to her high-priced hairdresser.

ing later this year after a brief respite.

Plenty of laid-off workers are still cutting their spending as much as they can. And many experts say people will stick with their new frugal habits even when the economy recovers. Rizzetta says that while they decided to

spend more in some areas, he's still cutting back on going out to eat and has decided not to buy a new car.

So even if consumers are feeling flush just for the moment with their tax refunds, stores are hopeful. The Conference Board's consumer confidence figures in

April had the biggest jump since November 2005. Warmer weather and a stock market rally have all helped make consumers feel better about spending.

"I have this feeling that people were tired of holding back," said Thierry Beaud, owner of Pistache, a French bistro in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Revenues are up just slightly, he said. Still, he added, "I am not planning for an immediate recovery. We are still very cautious about how we are handling our business."

Consumer spending grew by 2.2 percent in the first quarter of the year, the government said in late April, the biggest gain in two years. Gallup, which interviews about 1,000 people every day, points to spending stabilizing since February after a precipitous drop since last summer. Shoppers told Gallup they spent \$57 on average per day on discretionary items like clothing and gadgets over the most recent 14-day period — a much more stable figure than the \$15 to \$20 declines in average spending that Gallup had found in recent months.

"If you have kept your job and your income, you are tired of being so frugal," said Marshall Cohen, chief industry analyst at market research firm NPD Group Inc.

Elizabeth Anderson, who runs a public relations company in Waco, Texas, is still sticking to new habits like shopping for groceries at Wal-Mart rather than pricier local chains and buying store-brand ice cream and sandwich bags for her family.

But tired of \$60 haircuts she didn't like and wearing shoes that gave her bunions, she just spent \$700 on two pairs of designer pumps and is back with her regular \$300 hairdresser — with no regrets.

"My hair didn't look good, and my feet were hurting," said Anderson.

## Tough times call for cool thinking

BY VICKI LEE PARKER  
McClatchy Newspapers

Let's be honest. It's hard to stay cool, calm and collected when your savings are near depletion, your job is in jeopardy and bills are starting to pile up.

This kind of financial strain can cause even the smartest consumers to make rash money decisions, based on fear, not fact.

But financial experts say people must keep a level head, lest they dig a deeper financial pit for themselves.

Before making any major financial moves, first consider the long-term consequences then explore all other options, said Scott Spiker, CEO of First Command Financial Services.

Here are some logical financial moves that Spiker recommends consumers take in four major financial areas: retirement, college education and credit cards.

## Retirement

Emotions may run particularly high for retirees who have seen a big drop in the value of their lifetime assets. If you are one of them and feel a need to move your money out of the stock market for peace of mind, one option is to start small. Consider withdrawing only the money you need to cover living expenses for the coming year.

If you are planning to retire in the next 10 years, now may be the time to consider more conservative investment options.

## College costs

If you have a child who is starting college next year, remember that you actually have a five-year goal. You're simply paying one year at a time.

If your assets or income have taken a big hit in the current economic turmoil, be sure to update your Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA. This form is used to determine eligibility for federal student financial aid.

## Credit cards

Emotion tells us a few hundred dollars more won't matter when we're already in debt, but logic says stop adding on, especially if you are making only minimum payments each month.

If you don't have three to six months' worth of living expenses saved, continue making minimum payments and focus on increasing your savings.

Two additional ideas to help consumers get past fear and emotion:

■ Create a financial plan or revisit the one you have. It strengthens your financial confidence when you have strategy.

■ Consider scheduling an appointment with a trusted financial adviser. The more you know about your financial options, the more likely you are to make sound decisions.

## FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES									
52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk	High	Low
High	Low								
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,574.65	+164.80	+1.96	-2.30	-32.73	13,136.69	6,469.95
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,351.17	+42.89	+1.30	-5.26	-35.48	5,536.57	2,134.21
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	350.46	+5.02	+1.45	-5.48	-31.12	530.57	288.66
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	6,000.39	+200.30	+3.45	+4.23	-35.67	9,687.24	4,181.75
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,522.75	+54.61	+3.72	+8.96	-35.13	2,433.31	1,130.47
1,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,739.00	+22.76	+1.33	+10.27	-28.89	1,551.47	1,265.52
2,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	929.23	+21.84	+2.41	+2.88	-33.07	2,440.24	666.79
897.37	397.97	S&P MidCap	586.90	+19.13	+3.37	+9.03	-31.27	897.37	397.97
14,564.81	6,712.29	Wilshire 5000	9,509.56	+239.78	+2.59	+4.65	-32.27	14,564.81	6,712.29
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	511.82	+18.88	+3.83	+2.48	-28.92	764.38	342.59

NYSE					AMEX					NASDAQ				
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	YTD	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	YTD	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	YTD
Citigrp	7203815	4.02	+21	+1.75	PSCrudeOil	306750	3.50	+21	+1.75	FifthThird	1899511	8.49	+3.14	+3.14
BkofAm	6372551	14.17	+66	+2.30	Hemisphx	103506	1.38	+54	+2.30	PwShs QQQ	1744348	34.23	+0.2	+0.2
WellsFargo	4087130	28.18	+3.42	+0.81	GoldStrg	29341	1.67	+08	+0.81	DRAstr	982634	1.51	-76	-76
DirxFinBear	4023359	4.49	-1.18	-26.28	BootsCts	25628	1.30	-12	-26.28	DryShps	887176	8.00	-2.04	-2.04
SPDR Fnd	2805675	13.02	+9.0	+0.80	EldorGld	24896	8.49	+13	+0.80	HuntBnk	882509	5.20	+1.31	+1.31
SPDR	2708051	92.98	+2.12	+2.12	Taseko	23817	1.45	+04	+2.12	Intel	882488	15.29	-4.8	-4.8
DirxFinBull	2658678	12.55	+2.12	+2.12	NhtMtg	21595	1.71	+08	+2.12	SumMicro	723546	9.13	+0.3	+0.3
AmIntGp	1832543	2.01	+06	+0.06	BarcGSol	18462	21.31	+76	+0.06	Nvidia	715148	9.25	-1.48	-1.48
Harris Corp	1343244	4.74	+56	+1.70	17944	2.56	-14	-14	+1.70	Microsoft	668231	19.42	+1.0	+1.0
GentElec	1261903	14.53	+57	+1.83	BMB Munai	17532	1.79	+71	+1.83	Cisco	647300	18.73	-2.2	-2.2

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS					KEY MUTUAL FUNDS				
Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg %Chg	Name	NAV	Chg.	YTD %Ret.	
Alliant Technosystem	...	20	87.59	+1.75 +2.1	Fidelity Invest: GroCo	54.29	+97	+10.9	
Boeing	1.68	16	45.83	+2.30 +7.4	Fidelity Spartan: EglbInv	32.91	+77	+3.9	
Computer Sciences	...	6	37.48	-11 -6.7	Fidelity Invest: US8B	10.78	+01	+1.4	
General Dynamics	1.52	9	55.88	+2.22 -3.0	Fidelity Invest: GroInc	13.46	+35	+2.4	
General Electric	4.0	9	14.53	+5.7 +10.3	Fidelity Invest: AMgr50	11.88	+20	+10.2	
Halliburton	3.6	16	23.33	+7.9 +28.3	Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	26.21	+95	+4.5	
NorthernCo	1.60	...	50.54	+17.0 +33.8	Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.56	+21	+7.7	
Allied Signal	1.21	10	34.72	+1.61 +5.8	Putnam Funds A: GrInA p	9.99	+31	+7.0	
L-3 Communications	1.40	11	79.71	+2.67 +8.0	AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.62	+27	+8.7	
Lockheed Martin	2.28	11	82.46	+2.78 +1.9	AIM Investments A: Const p	16.59	+15	-1.5	
Harris Corp	1.60	...	50.54	+17.0 +33.8	Frank/Temp Fmk A: SMCpGrA	22.99	+48	+13.3	
Raytheon	1.24	12	48.27	+8.0 +5.4	DWS Invest S: GroIncS	11.75	+31	+7.6	
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	11	34.68	+8.8 +25.5	Fidelity Advisor T: EgnT	17.65	+64	+4.6	
Texas Instruments	4.4	18	17.70	-2.8 -11.5	Fidelity Advisor T: GroPpT	22.00	+43	+15.5	
Tetrix Inc	...	...	11.36	+8.6 +13.8	DWS Invest S: Intl FDS	36.89	+169	+6.4	
United Technologies	1.54	12	53.55	+1.83 +1.1	Putnam Funds A: Glscty p	6.67	+22	+4.7	
					Lord Abbott A: DevGTA p	12.17	+29	+14.7	
					Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	13.74	+50	+2.3	
					DWS Invest S: CorPInc	9.65	+02	+1.1	

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (May 11).....	97.00
South Korean won (May 11).....	1,230.00
Euro costs (May 11).....	\$1.3841
Dollar buys (May 11).....	€ 0.7225
British pound (May 11).....	\$1.55
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar).....	0.3766
British pound.....	\$1.5215
Canada (Dollar).....	1.1513
China (Yuan).....	6.8250
Denmark (Krone).....	5.4705
Egypt (Pound).....	5.6375
Euro.....	\$1.3622/0.7341
Hong Kong (Dollar).....	7.7500
Hungary (Forint).....	203.38
Israel (Shekel).....	4.0675
Japan (Yen).....	98.40
Kuwait (Dinar).....	0.2910
Norway (Krone).....	6.3439
Philippines (Peso).....	47.14
Poland (Zloty).....	3.19
Saudi Arabia (Riyal).....	3.7502
Singapore (Dollar).....	1.4584
South Korea (Won).....	1,242.40
Switzerland (Franc).....	1.1065
Thailand (Baht).....	34.87
Turkey (New Lira).....	1.5391
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

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New York Merc close	
Gold.....	\$914.40
Silver.....	\$13.935

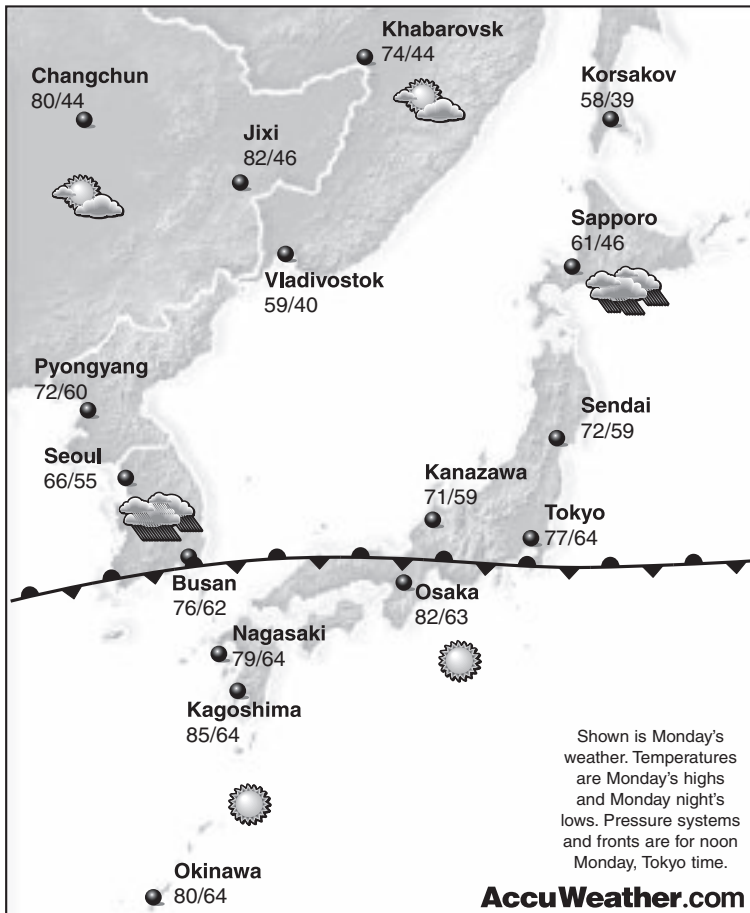
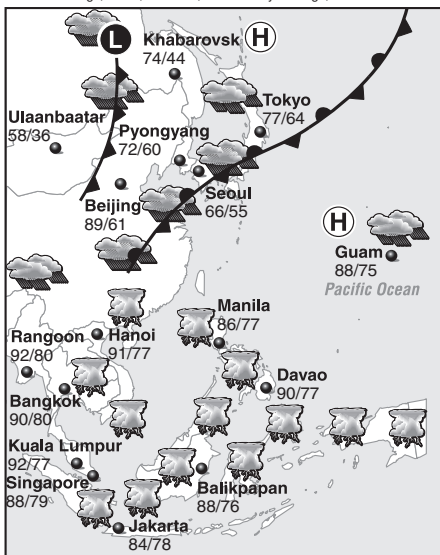
## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate.....	3.25
Discount rate.....	0.50
Federal funds market rate.....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill.....	0.17
30-year bond.....	4.27
Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	

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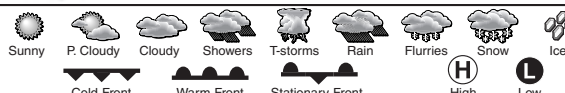
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<b>Japan</b>				
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Sasebo	6:58 a.m.	3:29 a.m.	10:14 p.m.	3:33 p.m.
Naha	7:40 a.m.	1:56 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	2:27 p.m.
Hachinohe	3:08 a.m.	10:27 a.m.	5:37 p.m.	10:19 p.m.
<b>Korea</b>				
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	12:04 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	12:09 p.m.	6:53 p.m.
Kunsan	4:45 a.m.	11:38 a.m.	4:48 p.m.	11:35 p.m.
<b>Guam</b>				
Apra Harbor	7:44 a.m.	3:03 a.m.	10:23 p.m.	3:09 p.m.
Location	Tuesday			
	High	Low	High	Low
<b>Japan</b>				
Yokosuka	5:23 a.m.	12:11 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Sasebo	9:30 a.m.	4:03 a.m.	10:49 p.m.	4:06 p.m.
Naha	8:11 a.m.	2:28 a.m.	9:40 p.m.	3:01 p.m.
Hachinohe	3:40 a.m.	11:02 a.m.	6:16 p.m.	10:51 p.m.
<b>Korea</b>				
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Kunsan	5:21 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	5:26 p.m.	none
<b>Guam</b>				
Apra Harbor	8:17 a.m.	3:44 a.m.	11:06 p.m.	3:46 p.m.

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 Sukku, Ora Wan: -39, Sesoko Byochi: +11 high and low tide;  
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Shown is Monday's weather. Temperatures are Monday's highs and Monday night's lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon Monday, Tokyo time.

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## CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	59	39	Shwr
Edmonton	64	39	Cldy
Halifax	45	33	Cldy
Montreal	55	43	PCldy
Ottawa	58	35	PCldy
Quebec	55	37	PCldy
Regina	70	43	Sun
Toronto	55	41	Sun
Vancouver	58	44	Shwr
Whitehorse	51	25	Sun
Windsor	61	45	PCldy
Winnipeg	64	44	Sun
Yellowknife	40	19	Cldy

## EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	57	45	PCldy
Athens	79	64	Sun
Belgrade	84	63	PCldy
Berlin	66	45	Cldy
Brussels	66	55	Cldy
Dublin	55	37	Cldy
Glasgow	58	36	Sun
Lisbon	68	57	Rain
London	64	50	Rain
Madrid	72	46	Cldy
Moscow	68	51	Rain
Paris	72	58	Cldy
Rome	73	50	Sun
Warsaw	66	46	PCldy

## MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	75	63	Cldy
Baghdad	90	59	PCldy
Cairo	85	62	Sun
Dhahran	102	78	Sun
Islamabad	104	67	Sun
Kabul	79	59	Sun
Kandahar	79	47	Sun
Karachi	100	66	PCldy
Kuwait	89	84	Sun
Mazar-e-Sharif	99	85	Sun
Tehran	73	63	Rain
Tripoli	74	56	Sun
Zahedan	93	66	Sun

## AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	83	74	Rain
Algiers	91	65	Sun
Cape Town	72	52	PCldy
Casablanca	62	57	Sun
Durban	72	58	Sun
Freetown	89	72	PCldy
Kano	97	69	PCldy
Khartoum	100	72	Sun
Kisangani	81	70	Tstm
Luanda	82	76	Tstm
Malakal	93	69	PCldy
Mogadishu	86	78	Shwr
Nairobi	85	63	Tstm
Timbuktu	110	75	PCldy

## LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	88	77	PCldy
Bogota	66	46	Shwr
Buenos Aires	63	53	Shwr
Cancun	90	68	PCldy
Havana	88	67	PCldy
Kingston	87	78	Shwr
Lima	78	61	Sun
Mexico City	74	52	PCldy
Nassau	87	76	Sun
Puerto Plata	84	73	Shwr
Rio de Janeiro	81	68	Sun
Santiago	64	50	Sun
Santo Domingo	84	71	Rain
San Jose	76	68	Tstm

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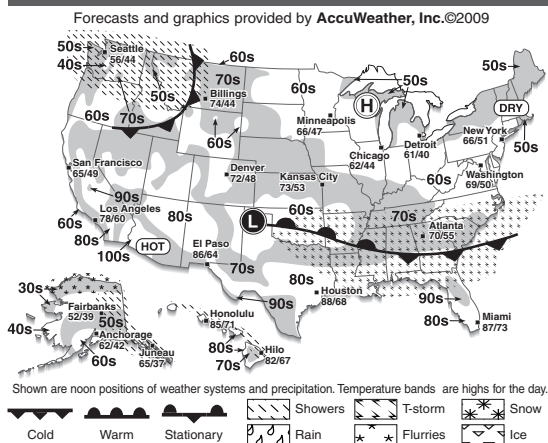
City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	58	51	Tstm
Colombo	88	78	Shwr
Darwin	89	70	PCldy
Dhaka	98	81	Tstm
Hong Kong	85	78	Tstm
Kathmandu	90	62	Shwr
Melbourne	64	48	Shwr
Mumbai	90	80	Sun
New Delhi	106	77	Sun
Phnom Penh	85	78	Tstm
Shanghai	91	74	Sun
Sydney	66	50	Sun
Taipei	89	71	Sun
Xining	68	48	Shwr

## MONDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	79	64	Cldy
Akron, OH	58	40	PCldy
Albany, NY	59	39	PCldy
Albuquerque	92	58	Sun
Allentown, PA	66	39	PCldy
Amarillo	65	53	Shwr
Anchorage	62	42	Cldy
Asheville	64	46	Tstm
Atlanta	70	42	PCldy
Atlantic City	89	68	PCldy
Austin	69	43	PCldy
Baltimore	69	43	PCldy
Baton Rouge	84	66	Tstm
Billings	74	44	PCldy
Birmingham	72	58	Tstm
Bismarck	72	47	Sun
Boise	75	46	PCldy
Boston	63	45	PCldy
Bridgeport	67	45	PCldy
Brownsville	92	76	PCldy
Buffalo	56	36	PCldy
Burlington	58	40	PCldy
Caribou, ME	55	34	Cldy
Casper	73	40	Sun
Charleston, SC	74	55	Tstm
Charlottesville	66	39	PCldy
Charlotte, NC	70	50	Tstm
Chattanooga	71	52	PCldy
Cheyenne	70	42	Tstm
Chicago	62	44	Tstm
Cincinnati	66	44	PCldy
Cleveland	57	38	PCldy

City	Hi	Lo	W
Colorado Sprgs.	69	45	Cldy
Columbia, SC	71	55	Tstm
Columbus, GA	79	60	Tstm
Columbus, OH	64	44	PCldy
Concord, NH	59	38	PCldy
Corpus Christi	89	73	PCldy
Dallas	75	64	Tstm
Dayton	64	44	PCldy
Daytona Beach	68	67	Tstm
Denver	72	48	PCldy
Des Moines	68	51	Sun
Detroit	61	40	PCldy
Duluth	60	38	PCldy
El Paso	86	64	PCldy
Elkins	61	38	PCldy
Erie	56	35	PCldy
Eugene	60	39	Cldy
Evansville	73	46	PCldy
Fairbanks	52	39	Cldy
Fargo	70	46	PCldy
Flagstaff	79	39	Sun
Flinn	60	37	PCldy
Fort Smith	69	53	Tstm
Fort Wayne	64	40	PCldy
Frederick	90	58	Sun
Goodland	70	48	PCldy
Grand Junction	87	54	Sun
Grand Rapids	60	37	PCldy
Great Falls	70	40	Tstm
Green Bay	61	37	PCldy
Greensboro, NC	67	48	Tstm
Harrisburg	68	42	PCldy

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DHS report factual

In "DHS went to extremes to sully my husband's name" (Opinion, Lynnette Bukowski, April 30), I noticed that a lot of space was given to Fox News talking points, but it remained devoid of any kind of factual basis.

Fact: Timothy McVeigh, Terry Nichols and Eric Rudolph were all military veterans, and while it is unfortunate that they embraced right-wing causes, it doesn't change that they are/were domestic terrorists.

The reality is that nothing was said in the Department of Homeland Security report that does not have historical precedent in this country or any other Westernized nation. It is fact, not propaganda, that sales of guns and ammunition have increased exponentially following the election of President Barack Obama. History has shown that returning war veterans, combined with high unemployment and a politically polarized society can lead to an increased involvement in criminal/extremist organizations and domestic terrorism.

While I can appreciate Bukowski's passion regarding the topic, it is apparent to me that her passion overrides such things as fact-checking and research. While the DHS report may not have been the politically correct thing to say, it is based on fact and historical precedence.

Personally, I'm disappointed that DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano kowtowed to political pressure instead of demanding a higher class of critic. In the future, I would ask that if Stars and Stripes is going to dedicate half a page to an opinion piece, at least take the time to ensure its accuracy. In an age when some conservative pundits and members of Congress are [making] irresponsible [statements], it is the only responsible thing to do.

Sgt. John T. Cassidy

Forward Operating Base Gabe, Iraq

## Religious belief and reality

The writer of "Can't make the assumption" (letter, April 14), in order to exclude a religiously based argument against abortion, said that "to invoke religion as a sole pretext for argument immediately ends any logical reasoning in determining the course of a discussion."

Let us follow that flawed supposition to its logical conclusion. If all religious belief is divorced from reality, then no claim of divine revelation can be held to be true. If there is no divine revelation to mankind, morals are based on fairy tales, man is a cosmic accident and the human race is of no more value than a flock of chickens. Thus, morality is reduced to a social construct or a subjective personal preference. If the writer believes this, why even pick up the pen? What does his opinion matter any more than that of my cat?

Happily, all that I can observe, touch and measure reasonably points to a creator and a purpose. My Christian faith reasonably explains the state of affairs man finds himself in today.

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Whether or not to have an abortion is certainly a moral decision, and it can never be argued apart from the reality of morals and religious conviction. Divorced from these things, it isn't worth arguing, as the life you would be arguing about would have the same worth as that of a cockroach.

The writer would prevent me from arguing for the value of his own life based on the faith that I hold to be true, not in a wistful, ridiculous sense but in a real historical sense. Once again, the writer forces me to place his life on the level of a chicken.

I'll continue to make decisions based on religious principle rather than the unreasonable alternative.

Staff Sgt. Shane Legler

Forward Operating Base Marex, Iraq

## Dressing down Army uniform

George Will's April 17 column regarding blue jeans ("Denim often well-worn, rarely worn well") has been nagging at me for almost a month, and until yesterday I didn't know why. Although I personally was put off by his tone toward denim trousers and the people who wear them, I could see the point he was attempting to make.

Will rightly pointed out that one article of clothing is not appropriate for all occasions. The leadership of the Army does not seem to realize this.

In the past the Army had a dress uniform, a service uniform and a variety of utility uniforms, and each was appropriate for the occasion at which it was worn. The "blue jeans mentality" has swept over the Army leadership and today soldiers show up at events wearing the Army combat uniform when members of every other service are wearing service uniforms, creating a very negative image of the Army in the process.

With the introduction of the Army service uniform (cum dress uniform), we'll be seeing soldiers at the Army ball and interservice balls wearing a service uniform when a dress uniform would be appropriate.

Perhaps Will got it right after all: Even folks who wear blue jeans need to have

some nice clothes to wear to nice occasions, and that most certainly includes soldiers.

I saw a photo this morning of five brothers, all of whom serve in the military. One was a Marine, wearing Marine Corps blues; three were in the Air Force, wearing the Air Force service uniform; and one was a soldier, wearing ACUs. The contrast was stark, and it made the soldiers look like the proverbial "ragbag" of the group.

Yes, we're an "Army at war," but we were an Army at war during the Second World War and we managed to win that war decisively while still looking sharp. Why can't we maintain separate dress and service uniforms? Why must we wear the ratty-looking Army Combat Uniform to every occasion, regardless of appropriateness, and why does the Army leadership continue to hold on to the "blue jean mentality" regarding uniforms?

The Army made a mistake by adopting the new Army service uniform. It is not too late to fix that mistake before it goes into service, but that would require the Army's leaders to overcome the "blue jean mentality" and shed their hubris and admit they made a poor choice in uniforms for the Army.

Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Altwater  
Camp Humphreys, South Korea

## Put a stop to poaching

I am concerned about how poachers harm our environment. I love animals very much and it makes me sick when people kill animals for their pelts. How could you skin a baby seal alive? How could you rip apart a bunny for its "lucky foot"? I would not be able to sleep at night if I ever did that to any living thing.

Animals are a very important part of the world we live in. God wouldn't have made them if they were just going to be killed by poachers. What makes their lives less important than ours? Animals should have the right to live their lives. Poachers need to leave them alone.

People talk about how horrible terrorists, murderers and serial killers are, but poachers are bad people, too. They kill helpless, innocent animals for money. These cute, furry little animals could be the favorite animals of children. Poaching needs to end.

Tawny Phelps  
Stuttgart, Germany

## Stop the audio bombardment

In regard to "Classical music can calm us" (letter, April 30): I totally agree with the writer. I have left stores due to the loudness of the audio. Classical music or elevator music would be a lot more soothing than listening to someone screaming unintelligible words at the top of his or her lungs. One selection isn't finished, and then next one bombards us.

I haven't heard any of the filth she described, but that definitely should be banned.

David Dudkiewicz  
Dau Mabacat, Philippines

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## OPINION

# Why are bankers treated as royalty?

During his most recent press conference, President Barack Obama said that he's been "sobered by the fact that change in Washington comes slow" and "humbled by the fact that the presidency is extraordinarily powerful, but we are just part of a much broader tapestry of American life and there are a lot of different power centers."

**Arianna Huffington**



Well, one of those different power centers — the entrenched special interests that continue to call so many shots on Capitol Hill — is the main reason change in D.C. comes so slow. ...

[D]espite all that I know about the reform-killing power unleashed by the nexus of lobbying, campaign cash and legislation, I have been flabbergasted by the amount of behind-the-scenes influence recently being wielded by the banking lobby.

In the past few weeks, the bankers and their lobbyists — who you might have reasonably thought would be the political equivalent of lepers in the halls of power these days — have kneecapped substantive bankruptcy reform in the Senate, helped pull the plug on a government-brokered deal with Chrysler, and tried feverishly to throw up a roadblock in the way of credit-card reform in the House.

You heard me right. America's bankers — those wonderful folks who brought us the economic meltdown — are still being treated as Beltway royalty by those in Congress.

According to Sen. Dick Durbin, the banks "are still the most powerful lobby on Capitol Hill. And they frankly own the place."

When it comes to reforming our financial system, we are truly through the looking glass. I mean, since when did it become "to the vanquished go the spoils"? How do the same banks that have repeatedly come to Washington over the last eight months with their hats in their hands, asking for billions to rescue them from their catastrophic mistakes, somehow still "own the place"?

But the banks continue to be rewarded for their many failures.

Let's start with bankruptcy reform. The banks scored a lopsided victory when the Senate rejected an amendment that would have allowed homeowners facing foreclosure to renegotiate their mortgages under the guidance of a bankruptcy judge. The measure would have helped 1.7 million homeowners keep their houses, and pre-

served an additional \$300 billion in home equity.

Given the tidal wave of foreclosures that have so destabilized our economy, this seems like a no-brainer piece of legislation. ...

But the banking lobbyists went after it with guns a-blazing. ... The final tally: Bankers 51, Consumers 45. ...

The shocking swagger of those in the financial sector was also evident in the negotiations that resulted in the announcement that Chrysler would file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

For much of the back-and-forth between Chrysler, its lenders and the Treasury Department, those lenders (comprising banks, including Goldman Sachs, Citigroup and JP Morgan — all recipients of bailout money — and private equity firms) were playing hardball. They repeatedly rejected attempts by Treasury to get them to lower the amount of Chrysler's debt. ...

Picture this for a moment. On one side you have the Treasury, which has helped funnel tens of billions of dollars to these banks, making what it considers an equitable proposal. On the other side, you have the bankers, the recipients of that government largess, showing their gratitude by scoffing at Treasury's proposal and demanding a much, much better deal. Clearly, Goldman has gotten way too used to sweetheart deals like the 100-cents-on-the-dollar payout it received as part of the AIG bailout. ...

As for credit-card reform, the House's resounding 357-70 passage of Carolyn Maloney's Credit Card Holders' Bill of Rights would seem like a rare defeat for the banking lobbyists, who furiously opposed it. But a number of elements of the legislation demonstrate that even when the bankers lose, they still win. For instance, despite the desperate urgency of the situation, all but one of the consumer-friendly provisions of the bill won't take effect for a year. And the bill doesn't contain any cap on credit-card interest rates. ... And, of course, the bankers will get another crack at derailing credit-card reform when the Senate takes up its version of the bill, sponsored by Chris Dodd, later this month.

So no matter how badly the banking industry fails and how much its failures cost us, it continues to be Washington's 800-pound gorilla — and the greatest risk to Barack Obama's presidency.

At his press conference, Obama bemoaned the fact that he "can't just press a button and suddenly have the bankers do exactly what I want." It's too bad the same can't be said for the bankers, who keep pressing Congress' buttons, and getting pretty much what they want.

# Japan's tactics worse than waterboarding

The media wail about "torture," but are noticeably short on facts.

Liberals try to disguise the utter wussification of our interrogation techniques by constantly prattling on about "the banality of evil."

Um, no. In this case, it's actually the banality of the banal.

Start with the fact that the average Gitmo detainee has gained 20 pounds in captivity. There's even a medical term for it now: "the Gitmo gut." Some prisoners have been heard whispering, "If you think Allah is great, you should try these dinner rolls."

In terms of "torture," there was "the attention grasp," which you have seen in every department store you



**Ann Coulter**

have ever been where a mother was trying to get her misbehaving child's attention. If "the attention grasp" doesn't work, the interrogators issue a stern warning: "Don't make me pull this car over."

Farther up the parade of horrors was "walling," which I will not describe except to say Eliot Spitzer paid extra for it.

And for the most hardened terrorists, CIA interrogators had "the caterpillar." Evidently, the terrorists have gotten so fat on the food at Guantanamo, now they can't even outrun a caterpillar.

Contrary to MSNBC hosts who are afraid of bugs, water and their own shadows, waterboarding was most definitely not a "war crime" for which the Japanese were prosecuted after World War II — no matter how many times Mrs. Jonathan Turley, professor of cooking at George Washington University, says so.

All MSNBC hosts and guests were apparently reading "Little Women" rather than military books as children and therefore can be easily fooled about Japanese war crimes. (MSNBC: The Official Drama Queen Network of the 2012 Olympics.)

Given what the Japanese did to prisoners, waterboarding would be a reward for good behavior. It might be: waterboarding *plus* amputating the prisoner's healthy arm, or waterboarding *plus* killing the prisoner. But waterboarding on the order of what we did at Guantanamo would be a reward in a Japanese POW camp.

To claim that the Japanese — architects of the Bataan Death March — were prosecuted for "waterboarding" would be like saying Ted Bundy was executed for engaging in sexual harassment.

What the Japanese did to their POWs made even the Nazis blanch. The Japanese

routinely beheaded and bayoneted prisoners; forced prisoners to dig their own graves and then buried them alive; amputated prisoners' healthy arms and legs, one by one, for sport; force-fed prisoners dry rice and then filled their stomachs with water until their bowels exploded; and injected them with chemical weapons in order to observe, time and record their death throes before dumping them in mass graves.

While only 4 percent of British and American troops captured by German or Italian forces died in captivity, 27 percent of British and American POWs captured by the Japanese died in captivity. Japanese war crimes were so atrocious that even rape was treated as only a secondary war crime in the Tokyo trial, similar to what happens during an R. Kelly trial.

The Japanese "water cure" was to "waterboarding" as practiced at Guantanamo what rape at knifepoint is to calling your secretary "honey."

The Japanese version of "waterboarding" was to fill the prisoner's stomach with water until his stomach was distended — and then pound on his stomach, causing him to vomit. Or they would jam a stick into the prisoner's nose so he could breathe only through his mouth and then pour water in his mouth so he would choke to death. Or they would "waterboard" the prisoner with salt water, which would kill him.

Meanwhile, the alleged "torture" under the Bush administration consists of things like: "failing to respect a Serbian national holiday" or "forgetting to wear plastic gloves while handling a Quran."

Finding out who started the tall tale about "waterboarding" being treated as a war crime after World War II would take the talents of a forensic historian, someone like Christina Hoff Sommers. After years of hearing the feminist "fact" that emergency room admissions for women beaten by their husbands soared by 40 percent on Super Bowl Sundays, Sommers traced it back to an unsubstantiated rumination erupting from a feminist rap session.

But the lunatic claim was passed around with increasing credibility until it ended up being cited as hard fact in The New York Times, The Boston Globe and on "Good Morning America."

One of the earliest entries in the "waterboarding as war crimes" myth must be this October 2006 article in The Washington Post, citing a case raised by Sen. Ted Kennedy — and heaven knows Kennedy understands the horrors of a near-drowning: "Twenty-one years earlier, in 1947, the United States charged a Japanese officer, Yukio Asano, with war crimes for carrying out another form of waterboarding on a U.S. civilian. The subject was strapped on a stretcher that was tilted so that his feet were in the air and head near the floor, and small amounts of water were poured over his face, leaving him gasping for air until he agreed to talk."

Even if that description of what Asano did were true — and it isn't — the only relevant word in the entire paragraph is "civilian."

Any mistreatment of a civilian is a war crime. So every other part of that paragraph is utterly irrelevant to the treatment of prisoners of war, much less nonuniformed enemy combatants at Guantanamo, who could have been shot on sight under the laws of war.

What Americans need to understand is, under liberals' own "laws of war," they will invent apocryphal incidents from history in order to give aid and comfort to America's enemies and to undermine those who kept us safe for the past eight years.

## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





## Movies sub for absent teachers

**TX** GALVESTON — A high school has turned to movies to occupy students because substitute teachers are in short supply.

Galveston Independent School District Superintendent Lynne Cleveland said more teachers than normal at Ball High School are absent. Some are taking time off to repair storm-damaged homes from Hurricane Ike or using sick days before the end of the school year.

The Galveston County Daily News reports that anywhere from 10 teachers to 20 or more teachers are absent on a daily basis.

## Foster mom could face charges in child's death

**SC** COLUMBIA — Authorities said they may charge a pediatric nurse turned foster mother with child homicide after she confessed to taping a pacifier to an infant's mouth.

Angela Deniece Dukes, 30, also lost her foster care license after a clean history of caring for three other children before the Feb. 8 death of 9-month-old Curtis Williams, officials with the Department of Social Services said.

Dukes had been a foster mother for 11 months until the agency revoked her license on the heels of a State Law Enforcement Division charge of misconduct toward a child. SLED director Reggie Lloyd said agents will consult with prosecutors about upgrading the charge to homicide by child abuse.

SLED filed the lesser charge because agents wanted to arrest Dukes as quickly as possible before she went to work at Palmetto Health Richland, where she works with ailing children, Lloyd said.

## Boy returns backpack with \$8,000 in cash

**NH** ALTON — A 10-year-old boy picking up litter in a small New Hampshire town found a backpack stuffed with more than \$8,000 cash.

Arie Johnston was helping his grandmother with her town's annual roadside cleanup when he spotted the burned backpack in Alton, about 90 miles north of Boston. He told the local newspaper, Foster's Daily Democrat, his first thought was that someone had killed someone for the money.

Arie's grandmother called the town clerk, who identified the bag's owner based on documents found with the money. The owner was a woman who had lived across the street until a fire damaged her apartment last year.

Police say the woman has since moved to Maine and has asked that her belongings be given to her sister who lives in Alton.

## Students, faculty protest Ashcroft honorary degree

**MO** COLUMBIA — A Missouri university's decision to award an honorary degree to former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft is drawing protests from some students and faculty



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members.

Ashcroft will receive an honorary doctorate and deliver the commencement speech at Truman State University in the northeast Missouri town of Kirksville. As governor, he signed into law a measure upgrading the school from a regional teacher's college into a selective, statewide liberal arts campus.

Nearly 300 opponents signed a petition "voicing discontent" with the decision by the Board of Governors of the school, which has close to 6,000 students according to its Web site. A silent protest is planned during Ashcroft's speech.

Among the issues cited for the protest are Ashcroft's opposition to gay marriage and his support of expanded interrogation techniques that critics equate with torture while leading the Justice Department after the Sept. 11 attacks.

## \$1M raised to support National Park Service

**DC** WASHINGTON — The nonprofit group raising private funds to restore the National Mall has brought in more than \$1 million to help support the National Park Service.

At an event, the Trust for the National Mall outpaced its fundraising total of \$635,000 from a similar event last year.

The group announced plans for the first-ever recycling program for the mall with funding from



## Well-trained eye

An O-gauge electric train set rekindles 69-year-old William Gallagher's memories of his own train set in the Las Cruces Railroad Museum in Las Cruces, N.M. His wife, Rosemary Gallagher, 74, watches from behind.

Coca-Cola Co. It has also been urging Congress to provide money to make urgent repairs for problems such as the sinking seawall at the Jefferson Memorial.

The group has now raised \$4.5 million in private funds for restoration efforts since its formation in late 2007.

## Cow that fled is spared from butcher

**NY** NEW YORK — The 500-pound cow that led New York City police on a mile-long chase after bolting from a Queens slaughterhouse is now living large at a Long Island farm sanctuary.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says they transported the young cow, nicknamed 'Molly,' to a Calverton sanctuary called the Farm. ASCPA assistant director Joseph Pentangelo says the all-black cow seemed to be enjoying her new freedom, adding "Her future's a lot brighter now than it was 48 hours ago."

## 2 corrections officers strip searched at prison

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma workers union is calling for an investigation after it says two female corrections officers were strip-searched by investigators looking for gang-related tattoos.

Scott Barger, deputy director of the Oklahoma Public Employees Association, said his group believes the incidents violated policy.

According to the association, a female officer at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester was strip-searched on April 2 by a female investigator searching for a tattoo of the Indian Brotherhood, an American Indian prison gang.

The corrections officer acknowledged having tattoos but denied having one of the Indian Brotherhood, the association said. The investigator asked her to display the tattoos, and the worker complied.

## Northern states fare better in lobster haul

**ME** PORTLAND — The lobster population is at an all-time high off the Maine coast but is faring poorly in southern New England, according to a new report. The stock assessment mirrors what lobstermen have seen in recent years: strong and steady harvests in Maine and declining harvests in the waters south of Massachusetts.

## Teen pleads guilty in attacking bicyclist

**MI** KALAMAZOO — A 16-year-old boy charged with attacking a bicyclist has pleaded guilty to larceny in a deal with Michigan prosecutors.

The Kalamazoo Gazette reports that the teen pleaded guilty as an adult, but a Kalamazoo County judge will have the option of sentencing him as a juvenile. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison at his sentencing June 9. The newspaper says the boy admitted taking the bike and riding away from where 49-year-old Timothy Stafford was beaten on Feb. 10.



**On the prowl** Motorists in several Texas cities will soon be seeing a 24-foot tall Godzilla as part of the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Click It or Ticket campaign. State troopers and local law enforcement will ticket drivers and passengers who are not buckled up.



**Police parade** Mineral County Sheriff's Deputy Mickey Boyle, center, is escorted by the Carson City Sheriff's S.W.A.T. team, while bringing the memorial baton to the annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial ceremony in Carson City, Nev.



**It beats traffic** Mark Boksus pauses to look at Lake Michigan in Racine, Wis. Boksus commutes to work by bicycle.





**Calm before the storm** Storm clouds loom over a field in Pikeville, N.C., as thunderstorms move across Wayne County.



**Bugs hang out** A couple of bordered plant bugs gather on a leaf at Stewart Park in Roseburg, Ore.



**Big bear** A first grader from St. Jude School, in Bridgetown, Ohio, observes a polar bear at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden in Avondale, Ohio, during a school field trip.



**Crushed cafe** The Eagle Trading Company's cafe, left, is seen pushed into the hotel by flood water and jumble ice from the Yukon River in Eagle, Alaska. The ice jam on the Yukon River has broken near Eagle, a small community that has suffered its worst recorded flooding in history.

## Navy helicopter lands in beach parking lot

**TX** CORPUS CHRISTI — Finding a spot wasn't a problem for a Navy helicopter that made an emergency landing in a paved parking lot at a Texas beach.

Navy spokesman Bob Torres says the MH-53 Sea Dragon safely landed outside the Malaquite Beach Visitors Center after an electrical alarm went off.

Torres told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the parking lot was the largest area for landing without being on sand. The center is part of Padre Island National Seashore.

Torres says two pilots and two crewmembers had been on a test flight.

A maintenance crew was dispatched to check the helicopter, which was determined to be flight worthy. The crew flew the chopper back to Naval Air Station-Corpus Christi about three hours after the emergency landing.

## Company moves to buy historic resort

**WV** CHARLESTON — A West Virginia coal and agriculture company has acquired The Greenbrier and plans to ask a bankruptcy court to dismiss the resort's bankruptcy case.

In an announcement, The Greenbrier and Jim Justice said Justice's company, Justice Family Group, acquired the stock of The Greenbrier's holding company, Greenbrier Hotel Corp. They didn't provide details of the transaction.

The Greenbrier is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and its guests have included Dwight Eisenhower and 25 other U.S. presidents, Monaco's Prince Rainier and Princess Grace and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

## NYC jeweler robbed of \$1 million in diamonds

**NY** NEW YORK — A Manhattan jewelry store has been robbed of more than \$1 million worth of diamonds.

Police say two robbers snatched a pair of diamond earrings and a diamond ring from Gioia Galleria, Inc., while security guards were at lunch.

Investigators say the store's co-owner, Rafaela Amini, buzzed the two into the store.

Police say they doused her with pepper spray, knocked her to the ground and kicked her in the head. She was treated at a hospital and released. Police have made no arrests.

## Jury convicts infomercial pair on fraud charges

**VA** ALEXANDRIA — A federal jury has convicted two self-described stock-picking experts who touted their skills in late-night infomercials on fraud charges.

Prosecutors charged Utah residents Linda Woolf and David Gengler with passing themselves off as successful stock traders to persuade consumers to spend tens of thousands of dollars on stock-picking systems offered by a company called Teach Me to Trade.

Tax records introduced during a

monthlong trial in Alexandria, Va., showed that Woolf lost money in the market while Gengler at best made a nominal profit.

Defense lawyers accused the government of blurring the line between salesmanship and fraud.

The jury deliberated for about three hours before convicting the pair on all seven counts.

## Bank robber nabs \$3K, leaves wallet behind

**MO** KANSAS CITY — Police didn't have to dust for fingerprints to find this suspect — they just rifled through the wallet he left behind at the scene.

Albert Vincent Perkins is charged with robbing First Federal Bank in Kansas City. Police say he walked into the bank, handed the teller a plastic bag and ordered her to give him all of the \$100 bills. Then he walked out of the bank — but left his wallet sitting on the counter.

## Einstein's old phone number posted on Web

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — If you had a question about the special theory of relativity back in 1930, you could call up the guy who proposed it.

Ancestry.com has posted copies of German telephone books from 1915 to 1981 — including Albert Einstein's phone number while he was a university professor in Berlin.

Back then, just asking for 2807 got you a direct line to the physics genius.

Adolf Hitler's longtime companion, Eva Braun, also shows up in the 1937 Munich directory.

## Boy walking to D.C. for homeless kids

**FL** TAMPA — At age 11, Zach Bonner has already walked farther and done more for charity than many grown-ups.

Now he's about to make good on his vow to walk more than 1,200 miles from Tampa to Washington to bring attention to the plight of homeless kids in the United States.

The boy with the spiky red hair came up with the idea in 2007, then hiked nearly 300 miles from his home near Tampa to the state capital, Tallahassee. Last year, he walked another 270 miles or so from Tallahassee to Atlanta.

He'll now set out for the final and most demanding leg of the journey, well over 600 miles from Atlanta to Washington. He figures it'll take about two months.

## NTSB: Medical chopper crash was pilots' fault

**AZ** FLAGSTAFF — A federal report says the pilots are to blame for a midair collision of two medical helicopters that killed 7 people last year near a northern Arizona hospital.

The National Transportation Safety Board report says the pilots failed to see and avoid each other, a primary pilot responsibility.

The report says one pilot failed to contact the hospital's communications center, as required, and the other pilot decided to approach from the south instead of along the normal flight path from the east.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

If you started out walking and, at every turn, flipped a coin to decide whether to go right or left, where would you end up? Such exercises are perfectly in line with this Sagittarian moon. Getting a little lost allows you to see your usual environs with new appreciation. Open your mind to unusual suggestions and unlikely scenarios.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 11).** Your faith will be strengthened. Trust your own creative process and fortify your belief that things work out the way they do for a good reason. A rift between friends will be healed this month. Fantastic professional alliances are made in June. There's surprising news in July. August brings the means to launch a project. Cancer and Scorpio adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You do have an entertaining way of stating things. You tell your version of what happened and suddenly you have an audience. You couldn't plan for life to be this interesting!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You boldly take charge. If there's not quite enough action and excitement around, you'll be sure to start something. You have a keen instinct for what people will sign up for and you can drum up a good deal of enthusiasm.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The list of what you need to accomplish is long and when you break the steps down, you have even more lists to contend with. Keep writing down the steps. This attention to detail is what it will take to get it all done.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Routine is only comforting to a point. When the habit that used to bring security instead seems mind-numbing and hollow, it's time to change. Go on an adventure and talk to someone new. Wake up to the possibilities.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Daydreaming will be a powerful and crucial exercise, equally important to doing actual work. Direct your imag-

inings and mentally create your desired reality instead of letting thoughts run willy-nilly.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You find genius in people who stand out from the crowd. Unusual characters gravitate toward you and share what's on their mind. You may not follow the line of reason exactly, but you feel enriched for the connection.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your sense of balance will be challenged. If you have success in one area of life, does that mean that another area must suffer? No way. When you are serving your highest good, the other areas in your life thrive, too.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You feel it's necessary to exert your independence, but you also worry that loved ones will take this the wrong way. You don't want to be sneaky about it, either. Be thoughtful in this quest.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You are concerned with being recognized and admired — why shouldn't you be? This need for attention will have a positive result. You make a special effort to stand out in a good way. Others are delighted by you!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You will be let in on very secret and exclusive information. Your self-confidence leads others to believe in your trustworthiness. Go into group situations with the intention of being the best listener in the room.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A project is taking a great deal of energy, though it's definitely something you can handle. You've been down this road before. You know what the right next step is. Trust what experience has taught you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You like to be able to express your agreement with people. And even if you don't exactly concur with an idea that's being presented to you, you're a master at finding some kind of common ground and building from there.

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## Holiday Mathis



# SUDOKU

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Difficulty: Very Easy

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

Yesterday's solution

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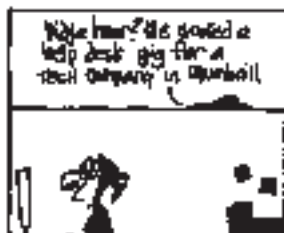
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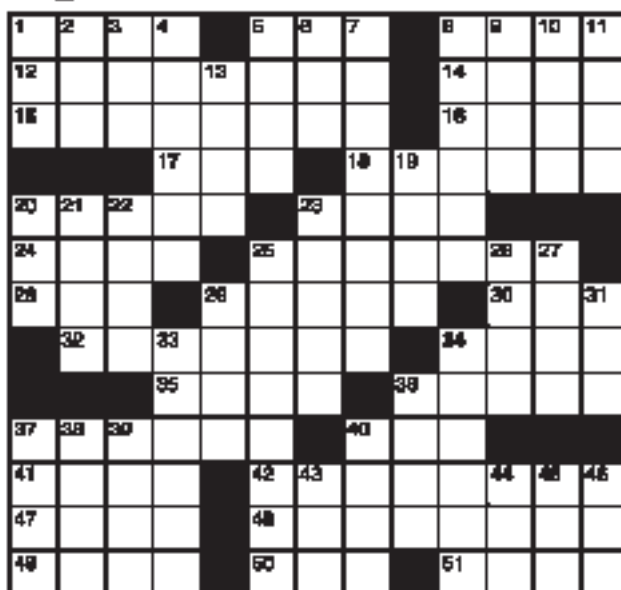


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- 19 Discoverer's cry

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### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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**CRYPTOCUP**

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**Saturday's Cryptograms: FOR THE COLLECTION**  
**OF TAXES IN THE UNDERWORLD, DOES THERE**  
**EXIST AN INFERNAL REVENUE SERVICE?**

### Today's Cryptoclip Clinic: R equals C



# When family spars, kids lose

**Dear Abby:** My husband and I had a falling-out with his parents last October. We sent them an e-mail in December to let them know we have no desire to keep our children — ages 5 and 6 — from them. We feel it is important that they have a good relationship with their grandparents even though we don't.

My in-laws never responded and have made no attempt to see the children. They do send cards to them for holidays and birthdays, however.

While we accept that they want nothing to do with us, the kids keep asking why they don't get to see Nana and Papa anymore.

We tell them that Nana and Papa love them very much, but are very busy. My in-laws live just 10 minutes away.

Abby, how do I continue to explain this situation to my chil-

dren? They have done nothing wrong, and my heart breaks for them.

— Don't Blame The Kids

**Dear Don't:** You are behaving as if the ball is now in your in-laws' court. Continue telling your children that their grandparents love them, and have them pick up the phone and call Nana and Papa. If your in-laws are screening their calls and don't answer, have the children leave a message saying they miss their grandparents and would like to see them. Then the ball will be in their court.

**Dear Abby:** My son will graduate in June from a college in the Northeast. We live way down south. I am sending a few invitations to announce the occasion. No one is expected to make the trip for the event.

If people send only congratulatory cards, is a thank-you in order if no gifts are received?

— Grad's Mom

**Dear Mom:** You should not send an invitation to anyone you know will not attend the graduation ceremony.

To do so would seem like a bid for a gift. Instead, send a graduation announcement.

According to "Emily Post's Etiquette": "Recipients of any kind of announcement are not expected to give gifts, though they may want to send a congratulatory note or card."

When someone does something nice for someone else, it deserves to be acknowledged. If your son receives a card congratulating him on his graduation, he should take a moment and drop the sender a note saying, "Thank you for remembering me at this special time in my life."

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>

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## Dear Abby



## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Aspinwall and Jeff Kunkin



WHAT THE SHOP-LIFTER FACED WHEN HE TOOK THE BEST-SELLER

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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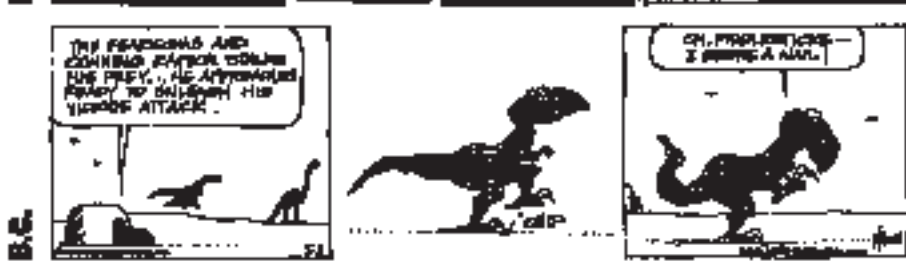
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## Speed Bump



## AFRTS Television Schedule

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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	(8:00) Sports	The Magic School Bus	(:10) Movie "The Cider House Rules" (1999, Drama) Tobey Maguire. Trained in medicine, an orphaned man seeks another path.	Washington Week	Life on the Way	USARJ This Week	The Universe "Cosmic Holes"	(:15) NBA Basketball Eastern Conference Semi-final Game 3 -- Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	(8:00) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Southern 500. From Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. (Live)
9:30		Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman		All Hands TV	T.D. Jakes	FNG Useful benefits.			
10:00		Codename: Kid		Today's Air Force	Love Worth Finding	Fit For Duty	I Shouldn't Be Alive "Kidnap in the Killing Fields"		
10:30		Archib's Weird Mysteries		The Chris Matthews Show	The Pure Life	Battleground			
11:00	Sports	Growing Pains		Newsroom	Grand Ole Opry Live	Recon Revisited	Extreme Engineering "Building Hong Kong's Airport"		
11:30		Planet's Funniest Animals	(:25) Movie "Mystic River" (2003, Crime Drama) Sean Penn, Tim Robbins. A detective probes the murder of his friend's daughter.			Fit For Duty			
12:00		Full House		Journal Editorial Report	MotorWeek	Battleground	The Suze Orman Show	SportsCenter	
12:30		The Brady Bunch		The Beltway Boys	At the Movies	Today's Air Force		ESPNNews	
13:00	McLaughlin Group	Barbie as Rapunzel Barbie portrays the long-haired fairy-tale heroine.		Larry King Live	Digging for the Truth "Giants of Easter Island"	All Hands TV	Rick Steves' Europe	NBA Fastbreak (Live)	Baseball Tonight
13:30	ESPNNews				Week-Pentagon	Quick Fix Meals	Baseball Tonight (Live)		
14:00	Washington Week		Movie "The Last Emperor" (1987, Biography) John Lone, Joan Chen, Peter O'Toole. Pu Yi is Emperor of China at age 3.	Geraldo at Large	The Death of Marilyn Monroe	Recon Revisited	Iron Chef America Chefs compete.	SportsCenter	NFL Total Access
14:30	House Call	Movie "PollyWorld" (2006, Adventure)				The American Veteran			
15:00	Entertainers			Huckabee	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Japan"	Fit For Duty	Star Trek: Voyager "Thirty Days"	SportsCenter	Quick Pitch
15:30						Battleground			
16:00	Life on the Way	Honey We're Killing the Kids Processed foods.		FOX Report	Dirty Jobs "Ostrich Farmer" Ostrich farmer.	Week-Pentagon	Heroes "Better Halves"	NBA Basketball Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks.	Sports
16:30	T.D. Jakes					Army Newswatch			
17:00	Love Worth Finding	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "A Lot Like Love" (2005) Ashton Kutcher. Casual friends deepen their bond over seven years.	This Week at War	Survivor: Tocantins "The Ultimate Sacrifice"	The Grill Sergeants	King of the Hill		
17:30	The Pure Life	The Fairly OddParents				Sun City Soldier	That '70s Show		
18:00	Grand Ole Opry Live	Planet Earth Tibetan fox; lions hunt elephants.		Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	Recon	The King of Queens	NBA Fastbreak	Sports
18:30						Recon Revisited	Everybody-Raymond	Baseball Tonight	
19:00	MotorWeek	America's Funniest Home Videos	Movie "One True Thing" (1998) Meryl Streep. A magazine writer returns home to care for her ill mother.	Newsroom	20/20	Today's Air Force	Ace of Cakes A cake for the series "Lost."	SportsCenter	
19:30	At the Movies					Fit For Duty			
20:00	Digging for the Truth "Giants of Easter Island"	Smallville "Instinct"		Week-Pentagon	Medium	Battleground	Lost "Follow the Leader"	Boxing Chad Dawson vs. Antonio Tarver. Chad Dawson takes on Antonio Tarver in a light heavyweight title bout. From Las Vegas, Nev.	Sports
20:30				All Hands TV		Recon Revisited			
21:00	The Death of Marilyn Monroe	90210 "That Which We Destroy"	(:05) Movie "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Sandra Bullock, Ellen Burstyn.	Today	Life "Initiative 38" A politician is shot to death.	Week-Pentagon	Dr. 90210 Cosmetic surgery reversed.		
21:30						National Guard News			
22:00	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Japan"	Touched by an Angel "Only Connect"		CBS News Sunday Morning	Headline News	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Blood"		Sports
22:30					Saturday Night Live	Around the Services	Friends	NBA Fastbreak	
23:00	Dirty Jobs "Ostrich Farmer" Ostrich farmer.	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "What Is Love?"	(:05) Movie "The Full Monty" (1997) Robert Carlyle.			Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars	SportsCenter	Sports
23:30				Face the Nation		Around the Services			

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00:00	Survivor: Tocantins	Planet Earth Tibetan fox; lions hunt elephants.	(11:05) Movie "The Full Monty" (1997) Robert Carlyle.	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed	Around the Services	(11:00) Dancing With the Stars	(11:00) SportsCenter	(11:00) Sports
00:30				Meet the Press	Two and a Half Men	Fit For Duty	Dancing With the Stars		
1:00	Sports	America's Funniest Home Videos	(12:50) Movie "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah, Gérard Depardieu. A terminally ill woman lives it up on vacation.	America's News HQ	NCIS "Witch Hunt"	The Benning Report		Baseball Tonight	
1:30		Smallville "Instinct"		Newsroom	Bones Remains emit a green glow at the crime scene.	The Grill Sergeants		ESPNNews	Sports
2:00				Your Money	VA News	Recon Revisited	Grey's Anatomy Cristina meets Burke's parents.	PGA Tour Golf The Players Championship -- Final Round. From Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (Live)	
2:30		90210 Harry and Debbie welcome Sean into their home.	(2:55) Movie "One True Thing" (1998, Drama) Meryl Streep. A magazine writer returns home to care for her ill mother.	Newsroom	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon Revisited	Prison Break "Disconnect"		
3:00		Touched by an Angel "Only Connect"		America's News HQ	Army Newswatch	Today's Air Force	NUMB3RS "In Plain Sight"		
3:30	Sports	Teletubbies	Movie "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Sandra Bullock, Ellen Burstyn, Fionnula Flanagan.	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Battleground	Recon	Kiana's Flex Appeal		
4:00		Barney & Friends		FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	Life "Initiative 38" A politician is shot to death.	The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
4:30		Sesame Street		FOX Report	Good Morning America	USARJ This Week	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		Sports
5:00		Bear in the Big Blue House		State of the Union With John King	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	The Grill Sergeants	Paula's Home Cooking		
5:30		Blue's Clues		Hannity	Sesame Street	This Week in the Pentagon	Cooking for Real		
6:00	Sports	Dora the Explorer	The Big Tease	Newsroom	Freedom Journal Iraq	Army Newswatch	Living Fresh	ESPNNews	
6:30		Handy Manny	Movie "Beautiful Girls" (1996, Comedy) Timothy Hutton, Matt Dillon. Old friends reunite for their high-school reunion.	State of the Union With John King	The View	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	ESPNNews	
7:00		Bob the Builder		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Freedom Journal Iraq	Mad About You	NBA Basketball Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 4 -- Boston Celtics at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (Live)	Sports
7:30		Hi-5		Newsroom	Judge Alex	The Grill Sergeants	Living Single "Trick or Trust"		
8:00		Peep-Big World	(10:50) Movie "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney. A suave ex-con assembles a team to rob a casino vault.	Newsroom	Everybody Loves Raymond	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light	Inside the NBA	
8:30		Curious George		Huckabee	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Man Trap"	SportsCenter (Live)	Sports
9:00	Sports	Movie "Mulan II" (2004, Adventure) Voices of Ming-Na, B.D. Wong, Mark Moseley.		Larry King Live	Judge Judy	EXchange on Air	Reba "Sweet Child O' Mine"		
9:30		Dora the Explorer	Movie "The Fighting Temptations" (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr. A man forms a gospel choir to collect an inheritance.	60 Minutes	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends	SportsCenter	
10:00		Blue's Clues		CNN Live	General Hospital	Downrange	Emeril Live		
10:30		Sesame Street		This Week in the Pentagon	Days of our Lives	FNG Useful benefits.	Designers' Challenge	PGA Tour Golf The Players Championship -- Final Round. From Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.	Sports
11:00		Funnest Home Videos	(13) Movie "You Got Served" (2004, Drama) Marques Houston. Street dancers work together to win a competition.	CBS Up to the Minute	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	The Soup		
11:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Face the Nation	Wheel of Fortune	VA News	Ice Road Truckers "Lost on the Ice"		
12:00		(3:50) Pokémon		Newsroom	Jeopardy!	Downrange	King of the Hill		
12:30		(40) Zatch Bell		Fox and Friends First	Wall Street Journal Report	EXchange on Air	That '70s Show		
13:00	Meet the Press	Movie "The Fairly OddParents"	Entertainers	Today	Around the Services	Army Newswatch	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
13:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Today	60 Minutes	Briefing Encore	The Colbert Report		
14:00	Wall Street Journal Report	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor.	America's Newsroom	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Fit For Duty	Pushing Daisies Murder at a dim sum restaurant.		WWE SmackDown!
14:30	ESPNNews	Hannah Montana	(45) Movie "Be Cool" (2005, Comedy) John Travolta, Uma Thurman, Vince Vaughn, Chili Palmer runs afoul of record-industry players.	Newsroom	In Plain Sight "Stan by Me"	Battleground	Stargate Atlantis An alarm initiates a quarantine lockdown.		
15:00	Sesame Street	The Naked Brothers Band				Recon	Ghost Whisperer "Imaginary Friends and Enemies"		
15:30		Suite Life of Zack & Cody				This Week in the Pentagon	Seinfeld "The Junk Mail"	NBA Basketball Western Conference Semifinal Game 4 -- Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets. From Toyota Center in Houston.	Chappelle's Show
16:00	The View	Smallville "Calling" (Part 1 of 2)				The Grill Sergeants	Friends		The Man Show
16:30		(05) The Fairly OddParents				Briefing Encore	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Comedy Central Presents Premium Blend
17:00	Dr. Phil	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles				Recon Revisited			
17:30	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants				Today's Air Force			
18:00	Everybody Loves Raymond	Hannah Montana				Downrange			
18:30	Access Hollywood	The Naked Brothers Band							
19:00	Judge Judy	Suite Life of Zack & Cody							
19:30	The Young and the Restless	Smallville "Calling" (Part 1 of 2)							
20:00		(05) The Fairly OddParents							
20:30	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris							
21:00		The Cosby Show							
21:30		Degrassi: Next Generation							
22:00	Days of our Lives	Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
22:30		Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman							
23:00	Oprah Winfrey								
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### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan, JCI until June 09. 4cylinder runs great Automatic transmission, Power locks & power windows. Working A/C and heater, Cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid Non smoker. Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI (with the exception of an expired flare) w/ 50K kilometers, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it please call or email to see if you have any questions. Asking \$1900 443-283-0661; ung.one@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Starlet I recently had my driving privileges suspended for 6 months so I am trying to sell this car ASAP. I just got this car last week so nothing has been done to it. It is manual 5-speed transmission. Recaro driver's seat, Razo shifter knob, Racing pedals. Clean inside and out. A/C and Heat work fine. Just needs JCI and plates. If you would like to see the car you can contact me at 713-490-0819 or email me at ronald.i.mathews@yokota.af.mil asking \$2500 OBO

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Odyssey with extras! 1997 Odyssey seats 7 w/captain chairs. Fold away back seats. With sunroof w/moon-roof, 6 disc CD changer, TV, turn by turn Navigation system, and proximity sensors in the bumpers AC front and back, all new tires. Complete with all maintenance records and oil changes. JCI until April 10 Asking 2500 OBO Please call 080-5682-6699 or email csmilnich@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Honda Of America 1999 Honda Saber 89,000 kilometers. Very clean inside & out Cold A/C Asking \$3000 OBO Payment plan is ok Call a n y l i m e 080-598-87281-646-957-9377 or email csmilnich@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - '98 Honda Inspire 111K mileage. Self-adjusting automatic timing belt tension on the VTEC 2.5 engine. Power windows/locks/steering. In dash Navigator/Television and CD player. Custom wheels, double airbags, rear spoiler (lighted). Road Tax already paid and JCI due in November of 2009. Asking \$2400.00 Click here for bigger photo: <http://i4.photobucket.com/albums/y117/Krowdon/car/1998hondainspire.jpg> Please call 080-6684-1034 or email krowdon.graphics@gmail.com

Zama - 95' Black Toyota Levin, 47k good condition, 5 speed manual, \$1000/obo. Must sell fast. Camp Zama 263-7815

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - Mazda RX-7 (FD3S) Black interior, black SSR rims. Car runs great, no problems. Upgrades after market exhaust, Greddy black light boost gauge, Kenwood 7 inch motorized screen, Kenwood DVD player, CD player with USB connection for MP3 player or IPODI-phone. I bought a new car so I must sell ASAP. You won't find a more reasonably priced RX-7 anywhere. \$3500 negotiable or \$3000 firm take your pick. Runs great Please call 090-6048-7467 or email jdsr7@yahoo.com

### Motorcycles 164

Yokosuka - 2000 Ducati 748R Yellow and White. Just off the crate from Italy. Excellent condition with few minor shipping scratches. Comes with Marchesini wheels. Termignoni carbon pipes, PC III and other few performance and cosmetic mods, original stock parts, stainless ACV Valentino Helmet and Spidi racing suit if desired. Asking \$6,500 OBO. Pics available upon request at marioloveu@yahoo.com or delgadom/cvn73.navy.mil

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda X-11 Engine displacement 1100cc good condition JCI until Sept. 2010 asking \$4500 Please call 210-547-9936 or email samueleengler@hotmail.com

### Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Peg Perego Aria Twin Light Weight Stroller - side-by-side stroller folds easily and compactly; great for toddler and infant or twins; stroller weighs 14lbs; spacious basket under stroller. \$225. Please call 080-6574-4454 or email caseyrodriquez@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - Bouncy Seat This is a blue bouncy that also has a setting for vibrations and soft nursery music. In great condition asking \$15 Please call 080-6574-4454 or email caseyrodriquez@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - GRACO PACK N PLAY YARD Only used it maybe three or four times while we were in the states on vacation it's still in the original box it looks similar to the one in the picture except mine has a mobile and a diaper changing area to go with the play yard. Asking \$60 Please call 94-9258-6866 or email sharon4college@yahoo.com

### Autos for Sale 141

Atsugi - Blue 1996 Honda Odyssey. Japanese Navigation / GPS System. Custom stereo and rims. New tires. Sun roof. Keyless entry. Road Tax Paid. JCI and Base Inspection up-to-date. Call Dave / Jen. 264-7933.

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Yokosuka - 1996 Mitsubishi Legnum Station Wagon AWD: 96,000 kilometers, AM/FM/CD player, Automatic transmission, well-maintained, clean interior, automatic climate control, tinted windows, road taxes already paid, runs great! One owner for past 7 years. JCI until June 09. Available immediately. MUST SELL! \$800 OBO, phone: 045-774-9110

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Yokosuka, Japan - For Sale! 2003 Nissan Skyline GT 350, only 13,800 miles, 5-speed automatic, Luxury edition, Clean Black leather interior, Dual auto temperature control, V-6 3.5lt 280hp, Very Fast! And economical 19mpg city and 26mpg Highway DVD Navigation System in Dash 8 Speaker Bose System. Selling for ONLY \$16,800 OBO. For details, email hinz.jason@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Nissan Skyline GT-S 4 door CD A/C heat pw windows locks runs great 109,000km JCI good until Feb. 2010 road tax paid. \$550. Call 480-302-4444 or email mxcr2502000@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Nissan Serena due to PCS will be available in June Brand new engine! Seats 8 JCI is due Sept 30th 2009, and we PCS in June, too early to get it updated, JCI cost us \$363.00 which we have taken off the sticker price. Passes Base pre-inspection no defects, come for a test drive today! JCI until 30 Sept. 09 Asking \$700 Please Call 614-358-4882

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Toyota 4Runner Please contact 080-3504-9170 for a test drive JCI until April 09 asking \$1500 Please call 801-983-0652 or email at192chico@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Skyline GT-S-T (Turbo) w/ Extra's Nissan Skyline Turbo, with flip out TV/DVD, two monitors in the back, Direct iPod adapter, complete eclipse sound system, cold A/C, aftermarket cold air intake, aftermarket blowout valve, just had a tune up this winter, tires are 3 months old. JCI until Nov.2011 Asking \$2700 OBO Please call 080-5682-6699 or email nardone311@yahoo.com

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<p>Yokota, Japan - KOLCRAFT TINY STEP 2-IN-1 WALKER Bought in the states while on vacations only used it a few times, I still have the box for it. Asking \$40 Please email sharon4c0ll@yaho0.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Kolcraft Swing Great condition! Please see photo. Very clean Seats newborns in a laid back position and also turns upright as the baby grows. Asking \$35 Please call 080-6574-4454</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Red double Jog Stroller, Made in USA. Selling on behalf: a used good working condition Red Double Jog stroller, originally from USA. Selling for 18,500yen (negotiable) 1st come 1st served Deposit half or at least deposit any amount (by Post Office account) to confirm to buy automatically reserved for buyer! Asking \$185 Please call 090-9837-9379</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Dell 17-inch color monitor &amp; Epson Stylus Delti M782p 17-in color monitor accommodate a variety of users from home offices to schools &amp; corporate environments. It has a flat picture tube which reduces glare from ambient lighting. Images are displayed at a max resolution of 1280x1024 pixels. This monitor is adept to word processing, e-mail, and internet browsing, whether printing or copying documents, enlarging photos, or restoring color to old photos. The Epson Stylus CX5000 can easily print high-quality photos from memory cards, PictBridge - enabled cameras or phones without a computer, by using an index sheet to select the images, as well as the number of copies. Asking \$100 Please email jamerica2002@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Complete Toddler Bedroom Set Excellent condition. Under 1 year old Set includes: Solid wood toddler bed with mattress, bed rails, bottom and top sheet, and matching blanket and pillow case. Solid wood toy box with matching design and lift top lid (pinch free construction). Matching book shelf and area rug. Solid wood toy box with matching design and lift top lid (pinch free construction). We would love to take this with us back to the States, but we just can't fit it. A value of over \$300 asking only \$150. Please call 090-8478-1050 or email japanmissions@gmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - End table and coffee table Black with gold trim. Very nice but I am getting new furniture and PCS'ing. Asking \$30 each OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Washing Machine + Overhead Rack Sanyo 4.2kg Washing Machine + Overhead Rack Used but in good condition. Standard Japanese Sanyo. Some slight scratches and minor dents on outside but works like a champ. New hoses. Overhead rack has two storage racks and one clothes line hanging bar. Rack can adjust width to accommodate different size machines or laundry space. The rack itself cost \$40 and the washing machine was \$120. Asking only \$40 for the entire set Please call 090-9478-1050 or email japanmissions@gmail.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Brand new Nintendo Wii It has never been opened I know they have them in the BX for \$250.00 but I'm selling it for \$50 less! 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Love the Wii, but not using it anymore. Please call 813-200-9377 or email uddbean@gmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Pioneer House speakers for sale. Asking \$80.00 OBO for both speakers please contact me at T_bone281@me.com or at 090-1395-4410</p>	<p>Atsugi - Adorable 11 year old female mix of Husky &amp; Schnauzer, 30 lbs. Silver hair, spayed, good with kids &amp; dogs, healthy. Needs to find a loving home ASAP. USSKITTYTALK-YOKOSUKA@GMAIL.COM</p> <p>Atsugi - His name is Max. He is a whippet, and he is free to a good home. He is approximately 3 years old, and is current on his shots. He is neutered. He is well-behaved, and good with other animals, and children. For pictures, e-mail: notorryous@hotmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - 2 FREE Female Cats Shy-Ann and Natalia are sisters. They are 6 years young and have been micro-chipped, front-de-clawed, and spayed (\$600+). They are indoor cats and have not been allowed to be outside. They are very clean and loving. They have been a part of our family since they were 6 weeks old. They have done well with our children. If you are interested, please call for more details. They are available immediately and will go to the base shelter by May 6th if no home is found. They are current on all shots and have records at the base vet clinic. Food bowls, litter box, and 2 kennels are included. They must go together! Please call 713-490-3033 or email gmmmv@aol.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Female Cat Female calico short hair cat. 2 years old. Spayed, front-declaw, micro chipped, shots up to date, indoors only. She is happy to keep to herself, but will enjoy curling up with you on the couch or in bed. Gets along with other animals once she gets familiar with them. Okay with children, but preferably older children. We have a 1 year old who adores her, but we aren't around most of the time. Please call 713-490-3033 or email sbrrgs1985@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Panasonic DMC-FZ50 10.1MP Digital Camera with 12x Comes with camera bag two batteries and charger 1 SD card 1g and cleaning kit for tech details click on the link below: Asking \$500 obo Please email gnerasianx@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Selling Saltwater Aquarium Set up 50 Gallon glass tank with over flow already drilled, Protein skimmer, return pump, water heater-32w X 4 light set up Also with the fish tank 1d have 2 Damsels 1 Snowflake eel 1 Picasso Trigger and 2 Clownfish Everything you need to set up a saltwater tank. It's set up right now if you want to see it. Asking \$350 Please email skittletasteme@yahoo.com</p> <p><b>Photography 830</b></p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Canon camera 4 Sale Digital Cameras/Power Shot SD1000, Slim, stylish 7.1 Megapixel Digital ELPH with 3x Optical Zoom lens Chic modern minimalism in the ELPH's classic Box &amp; Circle design in two color variations to suit your personal style DIGIC III Image Processor with improved Face Detection Technology and Red-eye Correction for sharper images and improved functionality Vivid, high resolution 2.5 inch Pure Color LCD with scratch resistant anti reflection coating for easy on camera viewing ISO 1600 and High ISO Auto to reduce image blur and expand low light shooting capability Five movie modes including 30 fps VGA Time Lapse and Fast Frame Rate Print/Share Button for easy direct printing and downloading, plus ID Photo Print and Movie Print with select Asking 4150 OBO Please call 1-214-261-6424 or email sbrrgs1985@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Ping Clone Golf clubs Right Handed set, regular steel shaft, 3-PW over size good start set. 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Furniture currently in storage.</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - (2) Twin Beds with Bedding Set We have two twin beds for sale, with red headboard, mattress, box springs, and bed rails. Both beds come complete with a bedding set that includes sheets, sharte bed-skirt. Sorry, we only have one matching comforter for one bed only. The box springs and mattresses are in good condition. Asking \$50 Please call 0428-74-7350 or email zimmer_russell@gmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Cockatiel &amp; Small Bird Accessories Bird Cage Wood Tabletop Playpen Heater Bonanza Bird Food Airline Approved Bird Carrier - 12" W x 17" L x 8" H weighs 3 lbs. Approved by U.S. airlines, this carrier slide easily under airplane seats for a comfortable, affordable way for small to medium parrots to travel in the airline cabin. Asking \$60 Please email jamerica2002@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Dining room table we are PCS'ing and getting new furniture. The table is a dark glass rectangle shape with 4 black chairs. 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**AFN-Atlantic, 6 a.m.**—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinals, Game 5, Anaheim at Detroit.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 8:30 a.m.**—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 4, Boston at Orlando.  
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**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.**—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 4, Cleveland at Atlanta.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 6, Washington at Pittsburgh.  
**AFN-Sports, 10:30 a.m.**—NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinals, Game 4, Denver at Dallas.  
**AFN-Xtra, 10:30 a.m.**—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinals, Game 6, Vancouver at Chicago.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—MLB: Atlanta at N.Y. Mets (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 4, Cleveland at Atlanta (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit [www.myafn.net](http://www.myafn.net) for more information.

## Tennis

**BMW Open**  
**Saturday**  
**At MTTC Iphitos**  
**Munich**  
**Purse: \$599,000 (WT250)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Semifinals**  
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.  
Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.  
**Doubles**  
**Semifinals**  
Jan Herynych and Ivo Minar, Czech Republic, def. Denis Gremelmayr and Dominik Meffert, Germany, 6-3, 6-1.

**Italian Open**  
**Saturday**  
**At Foro Italico**  
**Rome**  
**Purse: \$2 million (Premier)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Championship**  
Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (7), Russia, 6-3, 6-2.  
**Doubles**  
**Championship**  
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Peng Shuai (7), China, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Ai Sugiyama (5), Japan, 7-5, 7-6 (5).

**Serbian Open**  
**Friday**  
**At SRPC Milan Gale Muskatirovic**  
**Belgrade, Serbia**  
**Purse: \$599,000 (WT250)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Quarterfinals**  
Andreas Seppi (4), Italy, def. Marcos Daniel, Brazil, 6-4, 7-5.  
Lukas Kubot, Poland, def. Kristof Vliegen, Belgium, 7-6 (6), 6-3.  
Ivo Karlovic (2), Croatia, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-3, 6-3.  
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Viktor Troicki (5), Serbia, 6-3, 6-2.

**Estoril Open**  
**Saturday**  
**At Estadio Nacional**  
**Oeiras, Portugal**  
**Purse: Men, \$599,000 (WT250); Women, \$220,000 (Int'l.)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Men**  
**Semifinals**  
Albert Montanes (7), Spain, def. Paul Capdeville, Chile, 6-3, 6-4.  
Nikolay Davydenko (2), Russia, leads James Blake (4), United States, 7-6 (3), 2-4, susp., darkness.  
**Women**  
**Final**  
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Ekaterina Makarova (6), Russia, 7-5, 6-2.

## Deals

**Friday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**NEW YORK YANKEES**—Activated 3B Alex Rodriguez from the 15-day DL. Placed C Jose Molina on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of C Kevin Cash from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Optioned RHP Mark Melancon to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Designated RHP Steven Jackson for assignment.  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Acquired INF Adam Kennedy from Tampa Bay for a player to be named and assigned Kennedy to Sacramento (PCL).  
**National League**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Named A.J. Hinch manager, Jack Howell hitting coach and Mel Stottlemire Jr. pitching coach.  
**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Activated C Brian McCann from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Clint Sammons to Gwinnett (IL).  
**CHICAGO CUBS**—Acquired INF-OF Ryan Freel and cash considerations from Baltimore for OF Joey Gathright. Assigned OF Joey Gathright outright to Iowa (PCL). Recalled RHP Randy Wells from Iowa.  
**FLORIDA MARLINS**—Placed RHP Anibal Sanchez on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of INF Chris Coghlan from New Orleans (PCL).  
**NEW YORK METS**—Promoted John Rizzo to vice president/assistant general manager.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**BALTIMORE RAVENS**—Signed P Dave Bryant, FB Jason Cook, LB Dannel Ellerbe, K Graham Gano, CB Kevin Gerard, DL Will Johnson, CB David Jones, WR Erion Riley, C Greg Ryan, LB-DE William VanDeSteege, LB-DE Luis Vasquez, WR Isaiah Williams and QB Drew Willy.  
**DENVER BRONCOS**—Signed RB Darius Walker.  
**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**—Announced the job of consultant for player personnel, held by Dom Anile, has been eliminated.  
**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**—Named Denny Thum president.  
**OAKLAND RAIDERS**—Signed FB Lorenzo Neal and RB Gary Russell.  
**ST. LOUIS RAMS**—Released LB Pisa Tinoisamoa.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**ST. LOUIS BLUES**—Signed Kevin McDonald to a contract extension and named him assistant general manager in addition to his director of professional scouting duties. Extended the contract of Jarmo Kekalainen, assistant general manager and director of amateur scouting.

**SOCCER**  
**Women's Professional Soccer**  
**LOS ANGELES SOL**—Traded D Kendall Fletcher, F Christie Welsh and a 2011 second-round draft pick to St. Louis for a conditional 2010 first-round draft pick and a 2011 first-round draft pick.

## Boxing

**Fight schedule**  
**May 16**  
At Rome, Giacobbe Fragomeni, Italy, vs. Krzysztof Wlodarczyk, Poland, 12, Fragomeni's WBC cruiserweight title.  
At Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, Ron Johnson, Las Vegas, vs. John Johnson, Memphis, 12, for the vacant WBF light heavyweight title.  
At Oracle Arena, Oakland, Calif., Andre Ward, Oakland, Calif., vs. Edison Miranda, Colombia, 12, for Ward's NABO-NABF super middleweight titles.  
**May 22**  
At Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., Richard Gutierrez, Miami, vs. Antwone Smith, Miami, 10, welterweights.  
**May 23**  
At Monterrey, Mexico, Toshiaki Nishio, Japan, vs. Jhonny Gonzalez, Mexico, 12, for Nishioka's WBC junior featherweight title; Rafael Marquez, Mexico, vs. Jose Mendoza, Colombia, 10, featherweights.  
At Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Jorge Linares, Japan, vs. Josafat Perez, Mexico, 12, for Linares' WBA junior lightweight title; Jose Guadalupe Martinez, Mexico, vs. Oscar Saturnino, Mexico, 12, from Martinez's Mexican light flyweight title; Filomeno Jaramillo, Mexico, vs. Victor Terrazas, Mexico, 12, for the interim Mexican super bantamweight title.

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## College baseball

**Friday's scores**  
**EAST**  
Fairleigh Dickinson 16, Long Island U. 6  
Rhode Island 11, Massachusetts 7, 10 innings  
Thiel 8, Washington & Jefferson 6  
**SOUTH**  
Elon 13, W. Carolina 11, 11 innings  
Georgia Tech 12, Florida St. 3  
Lipscomb 8-12, Campbell 6-11  
Md.-Eastern Shore 17, N.C. Central 5  
Memphis 5, Southern Miss. 4  
Stetson 6, ETSU 1  
Tennessee 9, South Carolina 5  
The Citadel 7, Furman 0  
Vanderbilt 10, Georgia 1  
**MIDWEST**  
Emporia St 3, Nebraska-Omaha 2  
South Dakota St 7, IPFW 0  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Houston 5, East Carolina 4  
Northwestern St 8, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 7  
Oklahoma 5, Oklahoma St. 2  
Texas 11, Texas A&M 9, 10 innings  
Texas-Arlington 9, Lamar 4  
TCU 10, Utah 5  
**FAR WEST**  
New Mexico 7, Stanford 1  
UC Irvine 11, Pacific 6  
**TOURNAMENTS**  
**Liberty League**  
Clarkson 6, Rochester 0  
Skidmore 8, RPI 7

## Pro soccer

**MLS**  
**Eastern Conference**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	3	1	4	13	12	10
Toronto FC	3	2	3	12	10	10
Chicago	2	0	5	11	13	10
Kansas City	3	3	2	11	10	9
New York	2	5	2	8	9	11
New England	2	2	2	8	5	11
Columbus	0	2	5	5	8	12

  
**Western Conference**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chivas USA	6	1	1	19	11	3
Seattle FC	4	2	1	13	10	4
Colorado	3	2	1	10	10	8
Real Salt Lake	3	3	1	10	14	10
Houston	2	2	2	8	6	5
Los Angeles	1	1	5	8	9	9
San Jose	1	5	2	5	8	16
FC Dallas	1	5	1	4	7	14

  
**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Friday's game**  
New York 4, San Jose 1  
**Saturday's games**  
Kansas City at Columbus  
Toronto FC at D.C. United  
New England at Chicago  
FC Dallas at Houston  
Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA  
**Sunday's games**  
Los Angeles at Seattle

**Friday**  
**Red Bulls 4, Earthquakes 1**  
**San Jose** 1 0-1  
**New York** 4 0-4  
**First half**—1, New York, Rojas 2, 7th minute, 2, New York, Rojas 1 (Kandji, Johnson), 13th. 3, New York, Angel 3 (Kandji, Celades), 22nd. 4, New York, Corrales 2, 40th. 5, San Jose, Johnson 3 (Kandji), 45th.  
**Goalies**—San Jose, Joe Cannon; New York, Danny Cepero.  
**Yellow Cards**—Weaver, San Jose, 37th; Pitchkolan, San Jose, 59th; Denton, San Jose, 63rd; Amarikwa, San Jose, 88th.  
A—8,042 (26,500).

**WPS**  

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	3	1	1	10	6	2
Boston	3	2	0	9	8	8
Chicago	2	0	2	8	6	1
FC Gold Pride	2	2	1	7	7	7
Washington	1	2	2	5	9	12
Saint Louis	2	2	2	3	6	6
Sky Blue FC	0	2	2	1	4	4

  
**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Saturday's game**  
FC Gold Pride at Saint Louis  
**Sunday's games**  
Boston at Los Angeles  
Sky Blue FC at Chicago

## Auto racing

**Diamond Hill Plywood 200**  
**NASCAR Nationwide Series**  
**Friday**  
**At Darlington Raceway**  
**Darlington, S.C.**  
**Lap length: 1.366 miles**  
**(Start position in parentheses)**  
1. (6) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 153 laps, 128.7 rating, 190 points, \$44,795.  
2. (7) Jason Leffler, Toyota, 153, 116.8, 170, \$38,868.  
3. (3) Carl Edwards, Ford, 153, 118.1, 170, \$24,400.  
4. (5) Erik Darnell, Ford, 153, 114, 160, \$27,518.  
5. (16) Justin Allgaier, Dodge, 153, 107, 155, \$24,143.  
6. (2) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 153, 103.1, \$10, \$19,375.  
7. (19) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 153, 91.6, 146, \$25,678.  
8. (9) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 153, 101.4, 142, \$16,770.  
9. (31) Scott Wimmer, Chevrolet, 153, 90.7, 138, \$22,568.  
10. (40) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 153, 94.7, 31, \$16,625.  
11. (8) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 153, 88.5, 130, \$22,143.  
12. (4) Joey Logano, Toyota, 153, 93.7, 127, \$15,600.  
13. (24) Scott Speed, Toyota, 153, 79.9, 124, \$22,418.  
14. (41) Steve Wallace, Chevrolet, 153, 86.2, 121, \$21,968.  
15. (11) Jason Keller, Ford, 153, 69.8, 118, \$22,668.  
16. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 153, 134.2, 127, \$15,325.  
17. (23) Patrick Carpentier, Toyota, 153, 76.9, 112, \$21,743.  
18. (17) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 153, 73.9, 109, \$21,693.  
19. (15) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 152, 63, 106, \$21,643.  
20. (21) Brian Scott, Toyota, 152, 67, 103, \$22,718.  
21. (18) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 152, 68.5, 105, \$24,018.  
22. (13) Scott Lagasse Jr., Toyota, 152, 74.1, 97, \$21,468.  
23. (22) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, 151, 64.8, 94, \$14,950.  
24. (29) Brian Keselowski, Dodge, 151, 61.9, 91, \$21,768.  
25. (30) Brandon Whitt, Ford, 150, 51.7, 88, \$21,468.  
26. (25) Kevin Hamlin, Dodge, 150, 56.1, 85, \$21,268.  
27. (28) Danny O'Quinn Jr., Chevrolet, 150, 55.5, 82, \$21,218.  
28. (27) Eric McClure, Ford, 149, 45, 79, \$21,168.  
29. (20) Michael Annett, Toyota, 149, 45.3, 76, \$21,133.  
30. (26) Jeff Fuller, Chevrolet, 148, 39.4, 73, \$21,393.  
31. (33) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, 148, 37.7, 37, \$21,038.  
32. (22) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, accident, 142, 60.2, 67, \$20,993.  
33. (12) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 140, 75.8, 64, \$20,973.  
34. (34) John Wes Townley, Ford, throttle, 117, 46.6, 61, \$14,485.  
35. (37) Kevin Lepage, Ford, accident, 57, 39.3, 58, \$14,440.  
36. (36) Kenny Hendrick, Dodge, accident, 54, 38.2, 55, \$14,420.  
37. (42) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, brakes, 36, 34, 52, \$14,400.  
38. (38) Travis Kittleson, Chevrolet, overheating, 19, 36.1, 49, \$14,350.  
39. (40) Mark Green, Chevrolet, brakes, 17, 35.1, 46, \$14,315.  
40. (39) Kurtus Davis, Chevrolet, ignition, 15, 33, 43, \$14,290.  
41. (41) Terry Cook, Chevrolet, vibration, 13, 31.3, 40, \$14,265.  
42. (42) Johnny Chapman, Chevrolet, ignition, 12, 31.4, 37, \$14,240.  
43. (34) Casey Atwood, Chevrolet, transmission, 11, 32.4, 34, \$14,203.  
**Race Statistics**  
**Winner's Average Speed:** 116.596 mph.  
**Time of Race:** 1 hour, 47 minutes, 33 seconds.  
**Margin of Victory:** Under caution.  
**Caution Flags:** 10 for 32 laps.  
**Lead Changes:** 4 among 4 drivers.  
**Lap Leaders:** K.Busch 1-39; C.Edwards 40-44; T.Raines 45; K.Busch 46-149; M.Kenseth 150-153.  
**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):** K.Busch, 2 times for 143 laps; C.Edwards, 1 time for 5 laps; M.Kenseth, 1 time for 4 laps; T.Raines, 1 time for 1 lap.  
**Driver Standings:** 1. K.Busch, 1,539. 2. C.Edwards, 1,502. 3. J.Leffer, 1,386. 4. J.Logano, 1,340. 5. Bra.Keselowski, 1,331.

6. J.Keller, 1,181. 7. D.Ragan, 1,139. 8. S.Lagasse Jr., 1,095. 9. J.Allgaier, 1,089. 10. S.Wallace, 1,088.

**NASCAR Driver Rating Formula**  
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.  
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

**Southern 500 lineup**  
**NASCAR Sprint Cup**  
**After Friday qualifying; race Saturday**  
**At Darlington Raceway**  
**Darlington, S.C.**  
**Lap length: 1.366 miles**  
**(Car number in parentheses)**  
1. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 179,514 mph.  
2. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 178,861 mph.  
3. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 178,757 mph.  
4. (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 178,744 mph.  
5. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 178,549 mph.  
6. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 178,510 mph.  
7. (9) Casey Kahne, Dodge, 178,407 mph.  
8. (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 178,400 mph.  
9. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 178,019 mph.  
10. (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 177,826 mph.  
11. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 177,646 mph.  
12. (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 177,300 mph.  
13. (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 177,300 mph.  
14. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 177,039 mph.  
15. (6) David Ragan, Ford, 177,007 mph.  
16. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 176,911 mph.  
17. (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 176,892 mph.  
18. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 176,594 mph.  
19. (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 176,555 mph.  
20. (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 176,422 mph.  
21. (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 176,347 mph.  
22. (13) Max Papis, Toyota, 176,328 mph.  
23. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 176,264 mph.  
24. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 176,138 mph.  
25. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 176,050 mph.  
26. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 175,981 mph.  
27. (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 175,968 mph.  
28. (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 175,735 mph.  
29. (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 175,629 mph.  
30. (71) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, 175,441 mph.  
31. (25) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 175,434 mph.  
32. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 175,266 mph.  
33. (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 175,247 mph.  
34. (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 175,053 mph.  
35. (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 174,860 mph.  
36. (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 174,773 mph.  
37. (36) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 174,724 mph.  
38. (44) A J Allmendinger, Dodge, 174,525 mph.  
39. (34) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 173,847 mph.  
40. (98) Paul Menard, Ford, owner points.  
41. (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, owner points.  
42. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, owner points.  
43. (09) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 174,402 mph.  
**Failed To Qualify**  
44. (41) Jeremy Mayfield, Toyota, 174,229 mph.  
45. (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 174,013 mph.

## AP spotlight

**May 11**  
**1918** — Exterminator, a 30-1 long shot ridden by Willie Knapp, loses the lead but regains it to win the Kentucky Derby by one length over Escoba.  
**1923** — Setting several Pacific Coast League records, Pete Schneider of Vernon hits five homers and a double to drive in 14 runs in a 35-11 romp over Salt Lake City.  
**1968** — The Montreal Canadiens win the Stanley Cup, completing a four-game sweep over the St. Louis Blues with a 3-2 victory.  
**1972** — The Boston Bruins win the Stanley Cup in six games with a 3-0 victory over the New York Rangers.  
**1992** — The Portland Trail Blazers win the highest-scoring playoff game in NBA history, 153-151 in double overtime against the Phoenix Suns in the Western Conference semifinals.



## NHL playoffs roundup

## Penguins even series with Caps

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — For two games, Alex Ovechkin hurt the Pittsburgh Penguins with his goals. Now, he's hurting them with his hits.

While the Washington star couldn't prevent the Penguins from tying up the playoff series, he still managed to deal them a possible loss.

Ovechkin, nearly unstoppable while scoring five goals in the first three games, was held to two shots and no goals during Pittsburgh's 5-3 victory in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Friday night — his first shutout of the series.

Afterward, the Penguins were talking again about Ovechkin. And they weren't speculating how he might respond in Game 5 in Washington on Saturday night, either.

During Pittsburgh's three-goal surge in the first period, Ovechkin took out top Pittsburgh defenseman Sergei Gonchar with a knee-to-knee hit that some Penguins players called dirty. Ovechkin denied that, but Gonchar was helped off the ice and his status for the rest of the series is uncertain.

Penguins captain Sidney Crosby



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Washington goalie Simeon Varlamov is unable to stop a shot Friday by Pittsburgh's Sergei Gonchar during Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. Pittsburgh won 5-3 to even the series at 2-2.

by sounded as if Gonchar might be out for a while, although Gonchar planned to take the post-game team flight to Washington. Gonchar missed three quarters of the regular season because of a shoulder injury, and the Penguins didn't begin their late-season surge until he returned.

"We missed Gonchar for a long

time, we were forced to play guys in a couple of different positions, and now we've got to use that experience and find a way to still be productive without him," Crosby said. "There's no choice right now."

Just as the Penguins almost had no choice except to win Game 4, at least if they expected to maintain

a realistic hope of winning the series. Otherwise, the Capitals would have had as many as three games to close them out.

Now, it's 2-2, and there's certain to be a Game 6 in Pittsburgh on Monday night.

"We're right back in it and we have momentum on our side and we'll try to keep it going," Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury said.

**Hurricanes 4, Bruins 1:** At Raleigh, N.C., Eric Staal scored two goals to break the franchise career playoff scoring record, and Carolina pushed top-seeded Boston to the brink of elimination.

Jussi Jokinen scored the go-ahead goal at 2:52 of the third to help Carolina take a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal. Game 5 is Sunday night in Boston.

Staal has 40 career points in the playoffs, one more than previous club mark set by current associate head coach Ron Francis. Jokinen also had two assists, Sergei Samsonov added a goal, and Cam Ward made 20 saves.

Marc Savard scored for Boston. The Bruins have lost three straight after sweeping Montreal in the first round and winning Game 1 against Carolina.

## Golf scoreboard

## Players Championship

PGA Tour		
At TPC Sawgrass, Players Stadium Course, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.		
Purse: \$9.5 million		
Yardage: 7,215; Par: 72		
Second Round		
Alex Cejka	66-67-133	-11
Ian Poulter	67-68-135	-9
Kevin Na	71-66-137	-7
Angel Cabrera	72-65-137	-7
Jason Dufner	67-70-137	-7
John Mallinger	66-71-137	-7
Henrik Stenson	68-69-137	-7
David Toms	67-70-137	-7
Ben Crane	65-73-138	-6
Richard S. Johnson	66-72-138	-6
Tim Petrovic	68-70-138	-6
Jeff Overton	71-67-138	-6
Camille Villegas	67-72-139	-5
Robert Allenby	73-66-139	-5
Paul Casey	70-69-139	-5
Michael Letzig	71-68-139	-5
Ryan Moore	71-68-139	-5
Jonathan Byrd	67-72-139	-5
Justin Leonard	70-69-139	-5
Retief Goosen	67-72-139	-5
Charley Hoffman	70-69-139	-5
Kevin Sutherland	73-67-140	-4
Brian Davis	71-69-140	-4
Boo Weekley	73-67-140	-4
Tiger Woods	71-69-140	-4
Daniel Chopra	75-65-140	-4
Tim Clark	72-69-141	-3
Mark Wilson	69-72-141	-3
Stephen Ames	70-71-141	-3
Michael Allen	71-70-141	-3
Nick O'Hern	68-73-141	-3
Scott Verplank	67-74-141	-3
John Senneker	72-69-141	-3
Justin Rose	70-71-141	-3

## Michelob Ultra Open

LPGA Tour		
Friday		
At Kingsmill Resort & Spa, River Course, Williamsburg, Va.		
Purse: \$2.2 million		
Yardage: 6,315; Par: 71		
a-amateur		
Second Round		
Lorena Ochoa	64-65-129	-13
Song-Hee Kim	69-63-132	-10
Cristie Kerr	69-63-132	-10
In-Kyung Kim	68-64-132	-10
Lindsey Wright	65-69-134	-8
Yani Tseng	71-64-135	-7
Natalie Gulbis	70-65-135	-7
Shingo Oyama	69-66-135	-7
Na Yeon Choi	67-68-135	-7
Hee-Won Han	66-69-135	-7
Wendy Ward	72-64-136	-6
Al Miyazato	71-65-136	-6
Angela Stanford	68-68-136	-6
Ji Young Oh	71-66-137	-5
Michelle Wie	70-67-137	-5
Shanshan Feng	70-67-137	-5
Sarah Kemp	69-68-137	-5
Seon Hwa Lee	67-70-137	-5
Minea Blomqvist	66-71-137	-5
Sarah Lee	66-71-137	-5

## Golf roundup

## Cejka up 2 on Poulter after two rounds of Players Championship

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Ian Poulter knows what to expect on the weekend in The Players Championship.

The pressure is sure to increase as Alex Cejka, who is in the lead and two shots ahead of him, and Masters champion Angel Cabrera, Tiger Woods and a host of others behind him try to walk the fine line between success and failure at the TPC Sawgrass.

There is trouble everywhere, even on the holes where there is no water.

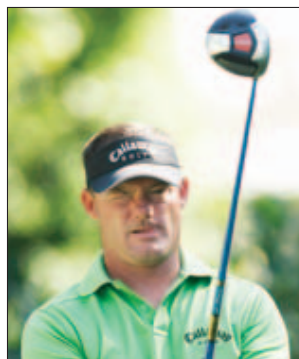
The gallery, sparse by most counts on Friday, tends to flock to the course on the weekend and congregate around the carnival that is the island green for the par-3 17th. The volume goes up. The lights come on.

The Englishman loves this kind of atmosphere.

"I feel this is probably the fifth major," Poulter said. "It's a big tournament. There's great crowds, and it's set up very, very tough. I enjoy playing on the big stage."

For the moment, golf is a blast.

It certainly felt like that in the second round to Cejka, who ran off three straight birdies early in the round to take the outright lead, added three more through the 11th hole to open a big lead



J PAT CARTER/AP

Germany's Alex Cejka takes aim with his driver as he gets set to tee off on the 12th hole Friday during the second round of The Players Championship.

and settled for a 5-under 67 that gave him the lead.

Cejka was at 11-under 133.

It is not surprising for unheralded players to be atop the leaderboard at The Players Championship, which is unpredictable because of the tricky golf course and the deepest and strongest field in golf.

As for his challengers?

It's an eclectic group that features the likes of Masters champion Angel Cabrera (65) and David Toms (70) in the group at

7-under 137, both of them major champions, one from just a month ago at Augusta National.

Justin Leonard, looked upon as the third wheel in his group with Woods and Ernie Els, emerged with the best score to get in the group at 5-under 139. Another shot back was Woods, who always gets attention.

**LPGA Tour:** At Williamsburg, Va., Lindsey Wright shot a 7-under 64 and Cristie Kerr had a 66 to share the third-round lead as Lorena Ochoa faltered in the Michelob Ultra Open.

The top-ranked Ochoa shot 74 with only two birdies. Wright came within one shot of the tournament record and Kerr closed with three birdies on the last four holes.

Numerous others shot their way into contention, too.

In-Kyung Kim was one off the lead after a 67, Song-Hee Kim was two back after a 68 and Ochoa's 3-over left her tied for fifth with Natalie Gulbis (68) and Wendy Ward (67).

**PGA European Tour:** At Turin, Italy, Daniel Vancsik of Argentina shot a 2-under 69 despite two late bogeys Saturday to retain a slim lead after the third round of the Italian Open.

He leads Finland's Roope Kakko (68) by one shot at 11-under 202.

## NHL scoreboard

## Playoffs

## FIRST ROUND

## (Best-of-seven)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## Boston 4, Montreal 0

Boston 4, Montreal 2

Boston 5, Montreal 1

Boston 4, Montreal 2

Boston 4, Montreal 1

## Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 3

N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 3

N.Y. Rangers 1, Washington 0

Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0

N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1

Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0

Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 3

Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1

## Carolina 4, New Jersey 3

New Jersey 4, Carolina 1

Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, OT

New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT

Carolina 4, New Jersey 3

New Jersey 1, Carolina 0

Carolina 4, New Jersey 0

Carolina 4, New Jersey 0

## Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1

Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2, OT

Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3

Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1

Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0

Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 3

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## Anaheim 4, San Jose 2

Anaheim 2, San Jose 0

Anaheim 3, San Jose 2

San Jose 4, Anaheim 3

Anaheim 4, San Jose 0

San Jose 3, Anaheim 2, OT

Anaheim 4, San Jose 1

## Detroit 4, Columbus 0

Detroit 4, Columbus 1

Detroit 4, Columbus 0

Detroit 4, Columbus 1

Detroit 4, Columbus 5

## Vancouver 4, St. Louis 0

Vancouver 2, St. Louis 1

Vancouver 1, St. Louis 0

Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2

Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, OT

## Chicago 4, Calgary 2

Chicago 3, Calgary 1, OT

Chicago 3, Calgary 2

Calgary 4, Chicago 2

Calgary 6, Chicago 4

Chicago 5, Calgary 1

Chicago 4, Calgary 1

## CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

## (Best-of-seven)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## Boston vs. Carolina

Boston 4, Carolina 1

Carolina 3, Boston 0

Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT

Frid: Carolina 4, Boston 1, Carolina 1

leads series 3-1

Sunday: Carolina at Boston

Tuesday: Boston at Carolina

Thursday: Carolina at Boston

## Washington vs. Pittsburgh

Washington 3, Pittsburgh 3

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3

Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2, OT

Friday: Pittsburgh 5, Washington 3, series tied 2-2

Saturday: Pittsburgh at Washington

Monday: Washington at Pittsburgh

Wednesday: Pittsburgh at Washington

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## Detroit vs. Anaheim

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2

Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT

Anaheim 2, Detroit 1

Detroit 6, Anaheim 3, series tied 2-2

Sunday: Anaheim at Detroit

Tuesday: Detroit at Anaheim

Thursday: Anaheim at Detroit

## Vancouver vs. Chicago

Vancouver 5, Chicago 3

Chicago 6, Vancouver 3

Vancouver 3, Chicago 1

Chicago 2, Vancouver 1, OT, series tied 2-2

Saturday: Chicago at Vancouver

Monday: Vancouver at Chicago

Thursday: Chicago at Vancouver

\* — if necessary

## Friday

## Penguins 5, Capitals 3

Washington 1 1 1-3

Pittsburgh 3 0 2-5

First Period—1, Washington, Backstrom 2 (Semin), 3:36, 2, Pittsburgh, Gonchar 2 (Semin), 7:25 (pp), 3, Pittsburgh, Guerin 3 (Crosby, Kunitz), 10:47, 4, Pittsburgh, Fedotenko 3 (Staal, Scuderi), 15:25.

Second Period—5, Washington, Clark 1 (Green, Ovechkin), 15:08.

Third Period—6, Pittsburgh, Crosby 9 (Satan, Guerin), 4:16, 7, Washington, Jurcina 2 (Semin, Guerin), 6:23 (sh), 8, Pittsburgh, Talbot 2 (Fedotenko, Scuderi), 14:46.

Shots on Goal—Washington 10-5-7—22, Pittsburgh 13-4-11—28.

Power-play opportunities—Washington 0 of 4; Pittsburgh 1 of 6.

Goalies—Washington, Varlamov 6-4-0 (28 shots-23 saves), Pittsburgh, Fleury 6-4-0 (22-19).

A—17,132 (16,940). T—2:17.

## Hurricanes 4, Bruins 1

Boston 0 1 0-1

Carolina 1 0 3-4

First Period—1, Carolina, Staal 8 (Cole, Whitney), 4:54 (pp).

Second Period—2, Boston, Savard 5 (Reed, Ryder), 2:37 (pp).

Third Period—Carolina, Jokinen 6 (Brind'Amour, Babchuk), 2:52 (pp), 4, Carolina, Samsonov 2 (Jokinen, Ruutu), 14:31, 5, Carolina, Staal 9 (Corvo, Jokinen), 15:41.

Shots on Goal—Boston 4-10-7—21.

Carolina 12-13-31—26.

Power-play opportunities—Boston 1 of 3; Carolina 2 of 4.

Goalies—Boston, Thomas 5-3-0 (31 shots-27 saves), Carolina, C.Ward 7-4-0 (21-20).

A—18,878 (18,680). T—2:28.





STEVE BUSH/AP

Robert Doornbos of the Netherlands hits the wall on the second turn during Saturday's qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The rookie driver also hit the wall Friday.

## Sports briefs

# Castroneves clocks nearly 225 mph in Indy qualifying

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Helio Castroneves took the provisional pole for the Indianapolis 500.

The two-time Indy winner voided a qualifying effort that was third on the tentative grid and made the decision pay off with a four-lap average of 224.864 mph that knocked Penske Racing teammate Ryan Briscoe's 224.131 off the top spot for the May 24 race.

Castroneves, who came back to racing last month after being acquitted of tax evasion charges, would give boss Roger Penske a record 15th Indianapolis pole if his speed held up through qualifying.

Rookie Robert Doornbos had a tougher time, hitting the wall for the second time in as many days.

The Dutch driver, in his backup car, spun and hit the wall in turn two on the 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval. It's almost the same spot he crashed his primary car Friday.

Doornbos, who had gotten up to 222 mph in 10 laps, was not injured. It was not immediately known if his Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing team had another car available to drive in pole qualifying.

The latest crash by Doornbos appeared to be a considerably harder contact with the wall than Friday. His car spun and slammed into the energy absorbing SAFER Barrier, severely damaging the left side of the Dallara. Ryan Hunter-Reay and Scott Sharp have also crashed since the start of practice Wednesday. Both drivers escaped injury and have moved to backup cars for the race May 24.

Eleven of the 33 starting positions for the 500 were up for grabs Saturday. Justin Wilson's 220.934 mph run was disqualified because of an unapproved weight location.

### Kenseth wins thanks to Kyle Busch's flat

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Kyle Busch's flat tire with two laps left sent Matt Kenseth to his first Nationwide Series victory of the season — and capped a record-setting day at Darlington Raceway.

Busch led 143 laps and looked as if he would ease to victory Friday night. But a late collision between Scott Legasse Jr. and Joe Nemecek brought out the 10th caution and set up a two-lap sprint to the finish.

That's when Busch's spotter noticed his right rear tire was flat, apparently because his car ran over debris. Busch tested the tire for several laps before rolling into the pits to loud cheers from Darlington fans. Kenseth, who set a track record to win the Southern 500 pole, still faced a green-white-checkered finish. That, too, went his way when Morgan Shepherd spun out on the restart, ending the race.

### Williams' attorneys to seek reversal

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — Attorneys for Jayson Williams say they'll seek to have the former NBA star's convictions for covering up a fatal shooting thrown out on grounds of racial bias.

Attorney Joseph Hayden said in court Friday that

he will seek a new trial on the cover-up counts. At issue is a racial slur used by a former employee of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

Defense attorneys say the remark indicates racial bias in the investigation.

Williams played nine seasons in the NBA for the New Jersey Nets and Philadelphia 76ers. He was convicted of four counts of covering up the shooting death of a hired driver at his Hunterdon County mansion in 2002.

His retrial on a reckless manslaughter count has been tentatively scheduled for January.

### Kings to talk to Jordan about returning

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Sacramento Kings plan to interview former coach Eddie Jordan about a possible return to the club he briefly coached in the late 1990s.

Jordan was fired by the Washington Wizards last November, early in his sixth season with the club. He coached in Sacramento from March 1997 until 1998, when he was fired after going 33-64.

The Kings confirmed their long-rumored interest in interviewing Jordan in a blog posting on their Web site late Friday night, saying president of basketball operations Geoff Petrie hopes to speak with Jordan early next week.

Sacramento fired interim coach Kenny Natt last month after the club finished an NBA-worst 17-65.

### Mets' Manuel suspended for touching ump

NEW YORK — Mets manager Jerry Manuel was suspended one game and fined for making contact with an umpire during an argument in a game Thursday night.

Major League Baseball banned Manuel on Saturday, and he was to sit out the afternoon game when the Mets host the Pittsburgh Pirates. The amount of the fine was not disclosed.

On Thursday, Manuel argued with first-base umpire Bill Welke three times during the Mets' 7-5 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. He was ejected by Welke in the eighth following an obstruction call on Jose Reyes that let Shane Victorino slip out of a rundown.

Welke said Manuel "brushed" his hat with the bill of his cap as he screamed in the umpire's face.

### Safina wins first title as world's No. 1

ROME — Dinara Safina won her first title since taking over the No. 1 ranking, defeating fellow Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 6-2 Saturday in the final of the Italian Open.

Safina closed the 43-minute first set with a smash and won five consecutive games in the second as Kuznetsova committed a string of unforced errors.

Safina took over the top ranking April 20, joining her older sibling Marat Safin as the only brother-sister duo to have been No. 1.

Kuznetsova will climb one spot to No. 7 in the rankings next week.

## Journey: 'I went broke more than once,' trainer says

### JOURNEY, FROM BACK PAGE

"It's a tough game," Woolley said. "I never thought I'd get here. You lose 80 percent of the time."

Woolley would know. The Derby was just his second victory of the year, a lengthy drought but hardly the lean times he endured two decades ago while trying to make a name for himself in training, after a series of injuries ended his rodeo career.

"I went broke more than once," he said. "That's a story that's not unfamiliar with most other trainers. I done plenty of other things to pay bills. You do what it takes to survive."

For Woolley, it meant branding cattle or galloping other people's horses with a fearlessness gleaned from his painful stint riding bulls. "He wouldn't say no to anything," said Mike Barber, a fellow trainer in New Mexico. "I've seen people lead up horses that were rank and unruly and he backed up what he said. If there was a horse that could throw him off, nobody else even wanted to try to ride him."

Not that Woolley would give anybody else the chance. One morning at La Mesa Park he put 33 horses through their workouts, a feat Barber commemorated by painting a sign on the rail. That work ethic helped Woolley — nicknamed "Shifty" for reasons he laughingly can't recall — establish himself as one of New Mexico's most prominent horsemen. These days he keeps 25 to 30 head at a time, though he's careful not to let the operation get too unwieldy. He prefers to gallop all of his horses, but hasn't been in the saddle since breaking his right leg in a motorcycle accident over the winter.

A thrill-seeker who also has a taste for fast cars and hunting, Woolley began his friendship with Mine That Bird owner Mark Allen during a bar fight 25 years ago. "Mark was the one who started it," Woolley said with a laugh. "That was his doing. It was tempting to let them whoop up on him. But at the same time I couldn't let a fellow cowboy take a beating. So I got up and went and bailed in to help."

They won, eventually. "It took us a while," Allen said. "We paid the next day. I wasn't sure we were going to make it."

It's been the same with horses.

Allen has owned quarterhorses and thoroughbreds for years as part of his Double Eagle Ranch in Roswell, N.M., but didn't start making a run at high-priced talent until he landed a windfall from the sale of oil field-services business VECO Corp., owned by his father, Bill.

Bill Allen pleaded guilty in 2007 to bribing Alaska politicians, but in a plea deal won immunity for his son. Bill testified that his son paid off an unidentified legislator, though prosecutors haven't said whether they could have charged Mark Allen. Mark won't talk about the case, but the money from the sale helped him become a more prominent horse player.

It's why he sent Woolley to Canada to look at Mine That Bird, who won the Sovereign Award as Canada's top 2-year-old. The

son of 2004 Belmont Stakes winner Birdstone carried a \$400,000 price. It wasn't cheap, but it was a chance for an owner and a trainer who never ventured anywhere near the Kentucky Derby Trail.

At first glance, Woolley wasn't sure the horse was worth it. Mine That Bird was small, not even 16 hands high. Even worse, his feet pointed out at 45 degree angles, making him run like a car out of alignment. Woolley spent a couple of days watching the horse train. Despite his troubling gait, Mine That Bird seemed to get over the ground easy. Plus, there was a hint of speed Woolley knew he could work with.

Allen didn't waste time putting his stable's pricey new star to the test. A week after the sale, Allen sent Mine That Bird to Santa Anita for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. It was a mistake. The horse faded badly in the stretch, finishing 12th. Things didn't get better when Woolley brought him home to New Mexico. Mine That Bird didn't win in two starts at Sunland Park, including a distant fourth-place finish in the Sunland Derby on March 29.

Woolley, figuring a trip to Churchill Downs was out of the question, planned to put the horse in the Lone Star Derby in Texas on May 9. Then a series of Derby defections — by injury or a change in plans — opened the door for Mine That Bird to slide into the 20-horse field, solely on the strength of winning Canada's Grey Stakes seven months ago.

Woolley didn't care. Despite the so-so spring, he thought his horse might be sitting on a big race. "I told Mark 'This horse is as good as he's been in his life right now. If he's ever going to take a shot, this is the time to do it,'" Woolley said. So Woolley loaded the horse and drove nearly 1,500 miles to the backside at Churchill Downs. Their arrival went largely unnoticed. Oddsmakers made Mine That Bird a long shot, and the few stories that trickled out about the horse focused more on Woolley's broken right leg or the lengthy road trip to Kentucky than the horse's chances of winning.

"It got aggravating after about the first 6,000 times being asked about the trip," Woolley said. "That wasn't what this was all about. This was about having a good horse, a damn good horse."

Mine That Bird proved it during the Derby, surging past the field in the last half-mile to win by 6 1/2 lengths, the widest margin in more than 60 years.

Baffert, who finished second in the Derby with Pioneerof the Nile, says he's still shocked by the amazing move Mine That Bird put together along the rail under jockey Calvin Borel.

The day after the Derby, Barber was schooling a horse in the paddock at a track in New Mexico at 4 a.m. when the phone rang. It was Shifty. He needed to talk.

"He said, 'Please tell me I won the Kentucky Derby, that this isn't a dream,'" Barber said. "I told him, 'I was just sitting here thinking the same thing, when are we going to wake up?' I really got a kick out of that. I told him, 'Trust me. This is the real deal.'"





By Bryce S. DUBEE/Stars and Stripes

**Zama American senior Andrew Quallo won the 1,500- and 3,000-meter races in the Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools track and field championships Saturday at Yokota Air Base, Japan.**

## High school track and field

# Temp rises, records fall in Kanto finals

By **BYRCE S. DUBEE**  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — As Saturday's warm, sunny weather broke the recent spate of cool temperatures and rain, several high school athletes participating in the Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools track and field championship took advantage of the perfect weather to do a little breaking of their own — smashing a handful of league records by mid-morning.

"I felt really good about the race," said senior Donovan Brown from Nile C. Kinnick High School, who bested the boys' 400-meter hurdle record with a time of 56.5 seconds. "My goal this year was to beat the league record."

In the girls' 310-meter hurdles, American School In Japan senior Gwen Thornton stayed true to form, beating her own record set in 2007 by a second and a half with a mark of 46.3 seconds.

"It's my senior year, so it's good to finally break it," she said. "I was really nervous before running, but got into the mind-set to give it all I've got since this is my senior year."

She didn't start out the day with the goal of beating the 310 record. She said that her actual goal was to break the 400-meter record, which she also currently held.

Later that day, she not only did that, winning the race, but also claimed first place in the 100-meter hurdles missing another record by .5 seconds.

"I'm so happy. I've been trying to break it (the 400-meter record) since sophomore year," she said, explaining that trying to beat her own record was "more mental than anything."

Thornton also anchored the final leg of the 1,600 relay, which sealed the ASIJ girls' victory over Christian Academy In Japan 125-84. The ASIJ and CAJ boys also claimed the first and second

place spots with scores of 137 and 102, respectively.

Two DODDS-Japan schools finished third, with the Zama American girls earning 80 points and the Kinnick boys garnering 84 points.

Yokota freshman Kelsey Scott took first place in the girls' 100- and 200-meter finals, but there was another first for her that day: the first time wearing track spikes.

"They've been trying to get me to wear spikes all season," she said, explaining that she borrowed a teammate's pair during Saturday's meet.

"Rounding the corners felt really tight, but I felt like I was going to fall down in the straight-away," she laughed.

The spikes appeared to do the trick as the young runner shaved three seconds off her personal best in the 200-meter.

In next week's Kanto Plain Invitational at Tokyo's Oi Pier Ground

near Haneda Airport, Scott said she'll be facing another first as she tries to use starting blocks for the first time in competition.

Zama senior All-American distance runner Andrew Quallo dominated the morning's 3,000-meter race before facing off against friendly rival Sam Krauth from ASIJ in the afternoon's 1,500.

"We're pretty good friends," Quallo said. "I'm good at the 3,000, and he's good at the 800, and at the 1,500 we always battle."

Quallo came out on top this time, with Krauth taking second. However, Quallo said, the heat was definitely a factor for the distance runners.

"I think everyone was suffering out there," he said, adding that he looks forward to running again next weekend against his friend as well as squaring off against the best that Korea and Okinawa have to offer.

## USFJ-AFL roundup

# Yokosuka gets good medicine

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Just when all seemed lost for the Yokosuka Seahawks, their doctor-quarterback provided the best medicine possible.

Bob Dochery, a 6-foot-6, 280-pounder, scored his second quarterback-sneak touchdown with two seconds left, rallying Yokosuka past Kadena 15-12 Saturday at McDonald Stadium in the first interarea interservice football game played on Okinawa in 5½ years.

"I love that guy," lineman Shavode Walker said of Dochery, a physician at U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka. "He plays quarterback, defense, everywhere we need him."

Indeed, Dochery lined up in the interior to give teammates, exhausted by the 83-degree heat, a break. But his key contributions came from behind center. He went 8-for-19 passing for 75 yards, and scored the first of his TDs with 6:17 left, giving Yokosuka an 8-6 lead.

After Kadena's Mike Christenson scored a 1-yard TD with 3:39 left, "when we said we want it, he said push," Yokosuka lineman Anthony Wilson said. "We were behind. We had to do it. We don't die."

The Seahawks got an early jump in the first weekend of the newly expanded U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League. The league has six teams for the first time since 2003, and Saturday's contest was the first of two USFJ-AFL games played at McDonald.

Carl Harris rushed seven times for 98 yards and had a combined 153 yards for Yokosuka, which had two sacks. Kadena's Desmond Fagan had 64 yards on 18 carries, Harold Jackson, Veltris Patterson and Reggie Clark recovered fumbles and Perry Davis blocked a punt.

**Foster 45, Torii 14:** Dyamon Durant scored the last two times he touched the ball, on runs of 55 and 49 yards, and finished with 209 yards on 14 attempts for the Bulldogs, who recorded seven sacks and returned two of three interceptions for touchdowns.

**Misawa 8, Yokota 2:** At Misawa Air Base, Japan, the defending champion Jets got 90 yards on four carries from Jamario Patterson, including a 7-yard first-quarter touchdown run, the only offensive points in what Yokota coach Herb Fletcher termed a "defensive struggle."

The only other points came via safeties.

## Local scoreboard

### Interservice

USFJ-AFL			
Northern Division			
Misawa	W	1	0 1,000
Yokosuka	L	0	1 1,000
Yokota	0	1	.000 2
Southern Division			
Foster	W	1	0 1,000
Kadena	L	0	1 .000
Torii	0	1	.000 14
Saturday's games			
Misawa 8, Yokota 2			
Yokosuka 15, Kadena 12			
Foster 45, Torii 14			
Friday, May 15			
Saturday, May 16			
Yokosuka at Yokota, 6 p.m.			
Torii at Kadena, 7:30 p.m.			
Friday, May 22			
Torii at Yokota, 6 p.m.			

### High school

**Japan**  
**Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools Track and Field Championship At Bank Field, Yokota High School Yokota Air Base**  
**Saturday's results**  
**Boys team standings**  
1, American School In Japan, 137½; 2, Christian Academy In Japan, 102; 3, Nile C. Kinnick, 84; 4, Zama American, 54½; 5, St. Mary's International, 49; 6, Yokota, 6; 7, St. Maur International, 1; 8, Yokohama International, 0.

**Boys individual results**  
**400 hurdles-1,** Donovan Brown, Kinnick, 56.5 (meet record; old record 57.3 set in 2008 by Phillip Williams, Yokota); 2, Park, CAJ, 57.6; 3, Christianson, ASIJ, 58.2; 4, Kim, CAJ, 59.2; 5, Williams, Zama, 1 minute, 0.5 seconds; 6, Hassan, St. Mary's, 1:01.2.

**3,000-1,** Andrew Quallo, Zama, 9:11.6; 2, Rasmussen, ASIJ, 9:38.5; 3, Fukazawa, St. Mary's, 9:46.6; 4, Ellison, CAJ, 9:47.6; 5, Griffen, ASIJ, 9:50.7; 6, Matsumoto, ASIJ, 9:51.2.

**Discus-1,** Adam Cason, Kinnick, 34.57 meters; 2, Collins, Kinnick, 34.07; 3, Origata, Zama, 33.62; 4, Quinto, Kinnick, 32.60; 5, Cote, Zama, 31.28; 6, Roberts, ASIJ, 29.18.

**200-1,** Sung Jun Son, CAJ, 23.1; 2, Christianson, ASIJ, 23.3; 3, Ridge, ASIJ, 23.7; 4, Brown, Kinnick, 23.9; 5 (tie), Williams, Zama, and Poe, ASIJ, 23.9.

**800-1,** Sam Krauth, ASIJ, 1:59.0; 2, Quallo, Zama, 2:01.9; 3, Rasmussen, ASIJ,

2:02.8; 4, Mori, St. Mary's, 2:04.3; 5, Johnson, CAJ, 2:05.8; 6, Kuma, CAJ, 2:06.9.

**400 relay-1,** CAJ, 44.6; 2, ASIJ, 45.2; 3, Zama, 46.7; 4, St. Mary's, 47.2; 5, Kinnick, 47.9; 6, St. Maur, 49.4.

**Long jump-1,** Shorai Ashida, CAJ, 6.40 meters; 2, Park, CAJ, 6.18; 3, Guo, ASIJ, 6.15; 4, Denham, ASIJ, 5.92; 5, Danis, ASIJ, 5.88; 6, Kuriyama, St. Mary's, 5.8.

**Shot put-1,** Cliff Collins, Kinnick, 12.51; 2, Delos Santos, Kinnick, 11.42; 3, Cason, Kinnick, 10.94; 4, Roberts, ASIJ, 10.88; 5, Johnson, Zama, 10.39; 6, Iredale, Zama, 10.34.

**110 hurdles-1,** Shige Suzuki, St. Mary's, 16.5; 2, Serfoss, Kinnick, 16.9; 3, Gustafson, ASIJ, 17.2; 4, Barrett, Zama, 18.6; 5, Seno, ASIJ, 18.6; 6, Hassan, St. Mary's, time unavailable.

**High jump-1,** Shorai Ashida, CAJ, 1.8 (fewer attempts); 2, Denham, ASIJ, 1.8; 3, Guo, ASIJ, 1.7 (fewer attempts); 4, Hori, St. Mary's, 1.7 (fewer attempts); 5, Kristina, ASIJ, 1.7; 6, McCloud, Yokota, 1.6 (fewer attempts).

**100-1,** Sung Jun Son, CAJ, 11.5; 2, Brown, Kinnick, 11.6; 3, Stern, ASIJ, 11.9; 4, McCloud, Yokota, 11.9; 5, Guo, ASIJ, 11.9; 6, Kobayashi, St. Mary's, 12.1.

**400-1,** Ryan Christianson, ASIJ, 52.1; 2, Kim, CAJ, 52.2; 3, Callon, ASIJ, 53.0; 4, Mori, St. Mary's, 53.7; 5, Collins, Kinnick, 53.9; 6, Nakamura, St. Mary's, 54.3.

**1,500-1,** Andrew Quallo, Zama, 4:10.3; 2, Krauth, ASIJ, 4:14.1; 3, Fukazawa, St. Mary's, 4:27.8; 4, Kuma, CAJ, 4:28.3; 5, Ellison, CAJ, 4:29; 6, Johnson, CAJ, 4:30.4.

**1,600 relay-1,** CAJ, 3:30; 2, ASIJ, 3:33.3; 3, St. Mary's, 3:41.6; 4, Kinnick, 3:44.3; 5, Zama, 3:58; 6, Yokota, 4:00.3.

**Girls team standings**  
1, American School In Japan, 125; 2, Christian Academy In Japan, 84; 3, Zama American, 80; 4, Seisen International, 65; 5, International School of the Sacred Heart, 29; 6, Kibron, Kinnick, 14.22.4.

**200-1,** Kelsey Scott, Yokota, 27.6; 2, Franklin, Zama, 27.7; 3, Snowden, Zama, 27.9; 4, Bishop, Seisen, 28.2; 5, Kay, ASIJ, 28.2; 6, Jackson, Zama, 28.4.

**Girls individual results**  
**310 hurdles-1,** Gwen Thornton, ASIJ, 46.3 (meet record; old record set by Thornton in 2007, 47.8); 2, Snowden, Zama, 49.3; 3, Blanken, Seisen, 49.5; 4, Kim, CAJ, 52.5; 5, Solotska, Seisen, 54.9; 6, Guild, ASIJ, 55.8.

**3,000-1,** Wynne Callon, ASIJ, 12 minutes, 3.4 seconds; 2, Ishikawa, ASIJ, 12:32.1; 3, Fukazawa, Seisen, 12:39.5; 4, Kurihara, Seisen, 12:41.6; 5, Brown, Zama, 13:20.3; 6, Kibron, Kinnick, 14:22.4.

**200-1,** Kelsey Scott, Yokota, 27.6; 2, Franklin, Zama, 27.7; 3, Snowden, Zama, 27.9; 4, Bishop, Seisen, 28.2; 5, Kay, ASIJ, 28.2; 6, Jackson, Zama, 28.4.

**Shot put-1,** Seiko Weaver, CAJ, 8.45 meters; 2, Taylor, CAJ, 8.4; 3, Nicdao, Kinnick, 8.27; 4, Godep, Kinnick, 7.58; 5, McMackie, ISSH, 7.51; 6, Moriguchi, Seisen, 7.33.

**800 (times unavailable)-1,** Jennifer Stolle, ASIJ; 2, Dandoy, ASIJ; 3, Carrick, CAJ; 4, Peters, ISSH; 5, Mobley, Yokota; 6, Morimoto, CAJ.

**400 relay-1,** Zama, 51.2; 2, Seisen, 52.7; 3, ASIJ, 53.2; 4, CAJ, 54.9; 5, ISSH, 56.7; 6, YIS, 57.4.

**400-1,** Gwen Thornton, ASIJ, 57.9 (meet record; old record set in 2007 by Thornton, 58.5); 2, Powell, Zama, 1:02; 3, Kershaw, Seisen, 1:03.8; 4, Bishop, Seisen, 1:03.8; 5, Osella, ISSH, 1:05.5; 6, Kim, CAJ, 1:07.

**100 hurdles-1,** Gwen Thornton, ASIJ, 15.9; 2, Snowden, Zama, 17.5; 3, Blanken, Seisen, 18.1; 4, Sakamoto, Seisen, 18.9; 5, Monri, ISSH, 19.0; 6, Rees, ISSH, 19.5.

**High jump-1,** Julieta Osella, ISSH, 1.57; 2, O'Leary, ASIJ, 1.45; 3, Franklin, Zama, 1.4; 4, Taylor, CAJ, 1.35; 5 (tie), Cels, YIS, and Hagland, YIS, 1.3.

**Discus-1,** Anika Taylor, CAJ, 25.79; 2, Weaver, CAJ, 23.07; 3, Nicdao, Kinnick, 22.4; 4, Moriguchi, Seisen, 21.45; 5, Barnum, ASIJ, 20.95; 6, Gantz, Zama, 20.32.

**100-1,** Kelsey Scott, Yokota, 13.3; 2, Franklin, Zama, 13.3; 3, Barnes, Kinnick, 13.5; 4, Powell, Zama, 13.7; 5, Jackson, Zama, 13.7; 6, Elder, YIS, 13.7.

**1,500 (times unavailable)-1,** Jennifer Stolle, ASIJ; 2, Morimoto, CAJ; 3, Carrick, CAJ; 4, Dandoy, ASIJ; 5, Ishikawa, ASIJ; 6, Fukazawa, Seisen.

**Long jump-1,** Black, ASIJ, 4.89; 2, Enomori, CAJ, 4.62; 3, Martin, Zama, 4.51; 4, Dandoy, ASIJ, 4.47; 5, Rees, ISSH, 4.35; 6, Nomura, Seisen, 4.30.

**1,600 relay-1,** ASIJ, 4:14.5; 2, Seisen, 4:18.7; 3, CAJ, 4:27; 4, ISSH, 4:35.6; 5, Zama, 4:39.4; 6, Yokota, 4:45.9.

**Boys soccer**  
**Saturday's summary**  
**Zama American 1, Nile C. Kinnick 1**  
**At Yokosuka Naval Base**  
**Halftime-1-1**  
**Goals-Zama,** Adonis Jackson 1 (9); Kinnick, Devery Williams 1 (5). **Assists-Zama,** Reggie Pitts 1; Kinnick, David Krievs 1 (10).

**Girls soccer**  
**Saturday's summary**  
**Nile C. Kinnick 2, Zama American 1**  
**At Yokosuka Naval Base**  
**Halftime-1-1**  
**Goals-Kinnick,** Brittany Evans 1 (24), Nadine Mulvaney 1 (3); Zama, Taylor Russell 1 (5). **Assist-Kinnick,** Mari McDonald 1.

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The Los Angeles Lakers' Sasha Vujacic, left, hugs teammate Kobe Bryant during the fourth quarter against the Houston Rockets in Game 3 of their Western Conference semifinal series Friday night in Houston. Bryant scored 33 points as the Lakers won 108-94.

## NBA playoffs roundup

# Lakers top Rockets, grab 2-1 series lead

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — After jawing with Shane Battier and Ron Artest for much of Game 2, Kobe Bryant let his shooting send the message that the Lakers are back in control of the series.

Bryant scored 33 points and Los Angeles took a 2-1 lead in its Western Conference semifinal with a 108-94 victory over the Houston Rockets on Friday night.

Bryant sank a 33-footer just before the end of the third quarter to put the Lakers up by 12, then struck a frozen pose at midcourt to silence the capacity crowd. The Rockets got no closer than six the rest of the way.

"I'm just doing what I do best," Bryant said, "just challenging other teams to try to do something with me. We, as a team, play off of that. It's on me to be aggressive."

Lamar Odom had 16 points and 13 rebounds and reserve point guard Jordan Farmar had 12 points and seven assists in place of the suspended Derek Fisher, who was ejected from Game 2 for a hard hit on Luis Scola when he set a pick.

Artest scored 25 points before he was ejected for a flagrant foul on Pau Gasol in the final minute, the only sign of carryover from the rough play that turned testy in Game 2. Artest was ejected from

Game 2 for a verbal altercation with Bryant following Bryant's elbow to Artest's upper chest.

"I don't think that was a flagrant, maybe a flagrant-1," Bryant said of Artest's latest ejection. "That rule is so all over the place, it's hard to judge. I'm an '80s baby, so that's just two shots and let's go."

Yao Ming added 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Rockets but he was bothered by a sore left foot in the final minutes and was limping as he left the court.

Yao said he would test the injury with running on Saturday and vowed he'll play in Game 4 on Sunday.

**Magic 117, Celtics 96:** At Orlando, Fla., Dwight Howard had 17 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks to lift the Magic over Boston for a 2-1 series lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal.

Rashard Lewis had 28 points, and Hedo Turkoglu scored 24 for Orlando, which played without starting point guard Rafer Alston. He was suspended by the NBA for slapping Eddie House in the back of the head in Game 2.

Paul Pierce broke out of his series slump to score 27 points, and Rajon Rondo added 15 for the defending champion Celtics, who trimmed a 20-point deficit to seven before the Magic regained control. Game 4 is Sunday in Orlando.

## NBA scoreboard

### Playoffs

#### CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

##### (Best-of-seven)

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Cleveland vs. Atlanta

Cleveland 99, Atlanta 72  
Thursday: Cleveland 105, Atlanta 85, Cleveland leads series 2-0

Saturday: Cleveland at Atlanta  
Monday: Cleveland at Atlanta  
Wednesday, May 13: Atlanta at Cleveland\*

Friday, May 15: Cleveland at Atlanta\*  
Monday, May 18: Atlanta at Cleveland\*

##### Boston vs. Orlando

Orlando 95, Boston 90  
Boston 112, Orlando 94  
Friday: Orlando 117, Boston 96, Orlando leads series 2-1

Sunday: Boston at Orlando  
Tuesday: Orlando at Boston  
Thursday, May 14: Boston at Orlando\*

Sunday, May 17: Orlando at Boston\*  
WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### L.A. Lakers vs. Houston

Houston 100, L.A. Lakers 92  
L.A. Lakers 111, Houston 98  
Friday: L.A. Lakers 108, Houston 94, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

Sunday: L.A. Lakers at Houston  
Tuesday: Houston at L.A. Lakers  
Thursday, May 14: L.A. Lakers at Houston\*

Sunday, May 17: Houston at L.A. Lakers\*

##### Denver vs. Dallas

Denver 109, Dallas 95  
Tuesday: Denver 117, Dallas 105, Denver leads series 2-0

Saturday: Denver at Dallas  
Tuesday: Houston at L.A. Lakers  
Thursday, May 13: Dallas at Denver\*

Friday, May 15: Denver at Dallas\*  
Sunday, May 17: Dallas at Denver\*

\* — if necessary

### Friday

#### Magic 117, Celtics 96

BOSTON — Pierce 6-15 14-14 27, Davis 2-6 3-4 7, Perkins 5-8 0-0 10, R. Allen 3-13 2-2 8, Rondo 7-17 1-3 15, Scalabrine 2-5 0-0 5, Marbury 1-4 0-0 2, House 6-7 0-0 15, Moore 1-1 0-0 2, Pruitt 0-1 0-0 0, T. Allen 1-1 1-1 3, Walker 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 34-79 23-26 96.

ORLANDO — Turkoglu 8-12 6-7 24, Lewis 9-17 7-8 28, Howard 7-8 3-6 17, Redick 1-5 2-2 5, Johnson 5-7 2-2 13, Lee 3-4 4-4 11, Battie 0-2 0-0 0, Pietrus 2-6 3-4 7, Gortat 2-2 3-3 7, Lue 2-2 0-0 5, Foyle 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-66 30-36 117.

Boston 18 23 28 27 — 96  
Orlando 22 31 25 39 — 117

Three-Point Goals—Boston 5-18 (House 3-4, Pierce 1-3, Scalabrine 1-3, Marbury 0-1, Rondo 0-1, Perkins 0-1, R. Allen 0-5), Orlando 9-18 (Lewis 3-7, Turkoglu 2-3, Johnson 1-1, Lee 1-1, Lue 1-1, Redick 1-2, Pietrus 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Boston 37 (Perkins 7), Orlando 44 (Howard 14), Assists—Boston 24 (Rondo, Pierce 6), Orlando 16 (Turkoglu 4), Total Fouls—Boston 29, Orlando 25

Technical—House, Turkoglu. Flagrant Foul—Perkins. A—17,461 (17,461).

#### Lakers 108, Rockets 94

L.A. LAKERS — Ariza 4-7 2-4 13, Odom 7-11 0-0 16, Gasol 4-11 5-7 13, Farmar 3-7 6-8 12, Bryant 11-28 7-8 33, Walton 2-6 1-2 6, Bynum 2-2 0-0 4, Brown 2-2 4-4 8, Vujacic 1-6 0-0 3, Powell 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 36-82 25-33 108.

HOUSTON — Battier 2-5 0-0 6, Scola 5-11 0-2 10, Yao 6-14 7-9 19, Brooks 3-8 0-0 7, Artest 10-23 3-4 25, Lowry 3-6 2-3 8, Hayes 0-0 0-0 0, Landry 4-7 2-2 10, Wafer 2-10 4-8 9. Totals 35-84 18-25 94.

L.A. Lakers 30 20 24 34 — 108  
Houston 28 20 14 32 — 94

Three-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 11-20 (Bryant 4-6, Ariza 3-4, Odom 2-2, Walton 1-2, Vujacic 1-3, Farmar 0-3), Houston 6-19 (Battier 2-5, Artest 2-8, Brooks 1-2, Wafer 1-4), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 50 (Odom 13), Houston 60 (Yao 14), Assists—L.A. Lakers 17 (Farmar 7), Houston 16 (Battier 7), Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 22, Houston 22. Technical—Walton. Flagrant Foul—Artest. A—18,495 (18,043).

#### Most career playoff points

Through May 8

(x-active)

Player	Pts.
1. Michael Jordan.....	5,987
2. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.....	5,762
3. x-Shaquille O'Neal.....	5,121
4. Karl Malone.....	4,761
5. Jerry West.....	4,457
6. x-Kobe Bryant.....	3,928
7. Larry Bird.....	3,897
8. John Havlicek.....	3,776
9. Hakeem Olajuwon.....	3,755
10. x-Tim Duncan.....	3,724
11. Magic Johnson.....	3,701
12. Scottie Pippen.....	3,642
13. Elgin Baylor.....	3,623
14. Wilt Chamberlain.....	3,607

#### Calendar

May 19 — Draft lottery.  
June 4 — NBA Finals start date (possible move-up to June 2).

June 15 — NBA Draft early entry entrant withdrawal deadline (5 p.m. EDT).

June 18 — NBA Finals latest possible end date.

June 25 — NBA Draft.

# HOF coach Chuck Daly dies at 78

By LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Chuck Daly, who coached the original Dream Team to the Olympic gold medal in 1992 after winning back-to-back NBA championships with the Detroit Pistons, died Saturday at age 78.

Daly died in Jupiter, Fla., the Pistons said. The team announced in March that the Hall of Fame coach had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was undergoing treatment.

He was renowned for his ability to create harmony out of diverse personalities at all levels of the game, whether they were Ivy Leaguers at Pennsylvania, Dream Teamers Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley, or Pistons as dissimilar as Dennis Rodman and Joe Dumars.

"It's a players' league. They allow you to coach them or they don't," Daly once said. "Once they stop allowing you to coach, you're on your way out."

Daly was voted one of the 10 greatest coaches of the NBA's first half-century in 1996, two years after being inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. He was the first coach to win an NBA title and Olympic gold.

"I think Chuck understood people as well as basketball," former Pistons guard Dumars told The Associated Press in 1995. "It's a people business."

Daly did famously in the Barcelona Games with NBA superstars such as Magic Johnson, Jordan, Larry Bird and Barkley, using a different lineup in every game.

"I played against Chuck's teams throughout the NBA for a lot of years. He always had his team prepared, he's a fine coach," Bird said shortly after Daly's diagnosis became public.

"Chuck did a good job of keeping us together," Bird said. "It wasn't about who scored the most points, it was about one thing: winning the gold medal."

Daly humbled the NBA superstars by coaching a group of college players to victory in a controlled scrimmage weeks before the Olympics.

"I was the happiest man in the gym," Daly said afterward.

Daly also made the right moves for the Pistons, who were notorious for their physical play with Bill Laimbeer and Rick Mahorn leading the fight, Rodman making headlines and Hall of Fame guards Isiah Thomas and Dumars lifting the team to titles in 1989 and 1990.

Former Piston John Salley gave Daly the nickname Daddy Rich for his impeccably tailored suits.

Daly had a career regular-season record of 638-437 in 13 NBA seasons. In 12 playoff appearances, his teams went 75-51. He left Detroit as the Pistons' leader in regular-season and playoff victories.

"The Daly family and the entire Detroit Pistons and Palace Sports and Entertainment family is mourning the loss of Chuck Daly," family and team spokesman Matt Dobek said. "Chuck



DUANE BURLISON/AP

Chuck Daly, who coached the United States to the 1992 Olympic gold medal after winning back-to-back titles with the Detroit Pistons, died Saturday.

left a lasting impression with everyone he met both personally and professionally and his spirit will live with all of us forever."

Despite his success, Daly wasn't part of a Coach of the Year presentation until he handed the trophy to then-Detroit coach Rick Carlisle in 2002.

"This is as close as I've ever been to that thing," Daly said, looking at the Red Auerbach Trophy.

Born July 20, 1930 in St. Mary's, Pa., Charles Jerome Daly played college ball at St. Bonaventure and Bloomsburg. After two years in the military, he coached for eight seasons at Punxsutawney (Pa.) High School and then spent six years as an assistant at Duke.

Succeeding Bob Cousy as coach at Boston College, Daly coached the Eagles to a 26-24 record over two seasons and then spent seven seasons at Pennsylvania, leading the Quakers to the Ivy League championship in 1972-75.

Daly joined the NBA coaching ranks in 1978 as an assistant under Billy Cunningham in Philadelphia. His first head coaching job was with Cleveland, but he was fired after the Cavaliers went 9-32 over the first half of the 1981-82 season.

In 1983, Daly took over a Detroit team that had never had two straight winning seasons and led the Pistons to nine straight. He persuaded Rodman, Thomas, Dumars, Mahorn and Laimbeer to play as a unit and they responded with back-to-back championships in 1989 and 1990.

Far from being intimidated by the Pistons' Bad Boys image, Daly saw the upside of it.

"I've also had players who did not care," he said a decade later. "I'd rather have a challenging team."

After leaving Detroit, Daly took over the New Jersey Nets for two seasons and led them to the playoffs both times.

He left broadcasting to return to the bench 1997 with the Orlando Magic and won 74 games over two seasons, then retired at 68, saying he was weary of the travel.

Daly joined the Vancouver Grizzlies as a senior adviser in 2000.

The Pistons retired No. 2 to honor their former coach's two NBA titles in January 1997.

"Without you, there wouldn't be us," Mahorn said to Daly during the ceremony.





ROB CARR/AP

New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez throws his bat after hitting a three-run homer during the first inning against the Baltimore Orioles on Friday night in Baltimore. Rodriguez joined the team for the first time this year after recovering from hip surgery.

# A-Rod has blast in return

## Yankees 3B homers in first at-bat of season

By DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Amid all the chatter about his steroid use, hip injury, Madonna and big-money contract, one thing about Alex Rodriguez is indisputable: his ability to play the game of baseball at the absolutely highest level.

Rodriguez trumpeted his return to the Yankees by hitting a three-run homer on the first pitch of his late-starting season, and CC Sabathia pitched a four-hitter as New York ended a five-game losing streak by defeating the Baltimore Orioles 4-0 Friday night.

"It was awesome," Rodriguez said. "It was just nice to get to the ballpark, give the guys a hug and do what I do best."

Tormented by stories of involvement with steroids and slowed by hip surgery that forced him to begin the season on the disabled list, Rodriguez finally turned his attention toward playing baseball when he stepped to the plate in the first inning against Jeremy Guthrie (2-3).

As a dozen fans waved plastic foam syringes a few rows behind the plate, A-Rod stepped into a fastball and sent it soaring into the left-field seats. It was his 554th career home run, and for sheer theater, it just might have been in his Top 10.

"What a hitter. What a player," Guthrie said. "To come off the DL like that, I throw that fastball on the black inside, and he just takes it for a home run. ... It's a real special at-bat for him. He stepped up in the big moment right there, center stage, and does what he does best."

After taking a stroll around the bases, Rodriguez was mobbed in the New York dugout.

"I feel like I'm back with my family," he said.

The shot sure came at the right time for the Yankees, whose five-game skid was their longest under second-year manager Joe Girardi. During that losing streak, New York went 6-for-43 with runners in scoring position.

"I think you're always hoping that every time he comes up he hits a home run. You know, that's the impact he has," Girardi said. "Your concern when a guy first comes back is his timing, but he was ready for it."

Rodriguez struck out in the third and fifth innings against Guthrie, then grounded out against Bob McCrory in the seventh to finish 1 for 4. But that one hit was a doozy. While Rodriguez was gone, New York third basemen hit a combined .202 with no homers and 10 RBIs in 28 games.

Rodriguez's home run was all the support the Yankees needed

for Sabathia (2-3), who stopped a run of four starts without a victory. It was by far his finest performance since signing a \$161 million, seven-year contract with New York during the offseason.

Afterward, however, Sabathia spoke with awe about Rodriguez's return.

"He's the best player in the game, so you kind of expect it out of him," the left-hander said. "He hadn't seen a pitch all year and to come up, first pitch, Guthrie's throwing hard and to go deep — it's unbelievable, but it's not surprising."

Sabathia was pretty impressive, too. The husky left-hander allowed singles to the first two batters he faced, then retired 23 of the next 24 batters — the exception a third-inning walk to Brian Roberts — leading up to the ninth.

Cesar Izturis and Roberts opened the ninth with singles before Sabathia got three straight outs to end it.

Sabathia struck out eight and walked one and gained a measure of revenge for an opening-day loss to Baltimore, when he gave up six runs and eight hits in 4 1/3 innings.

"Gosh darn, the guy was exceptional," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "One run would have done it for him."

## AL roundup

# Tigers' Verlander outduels Tribe's hard-luck Lee

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Justin Verlander pitched a two-hitter for his third career shutout, yet the hard-throwing Detroit starter still needed one small misplay by the Cleveland Indians and one great catch by Curtis Granderson to earn a victory.

Verlander struck out 11 and outpitched reigning Cy Young Award winner Cliff Lee for the second time in a week as the Tigers beat the Indians 1-0 on Friday night.

"Discounting postseason play, I don't think you'll ever see a regular-season play any better," Verlander said of Granderson's leap that took away Grady Sizemore's bid for a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth.

"Neither starting pitcher should

lose that game," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "If you make that catch in the first inning, it's a great catch. If you make it in the ninth, it's a great catch, but if you make it in the ninth inning of a 1-0 game with one guy on, that makes it a better catch."

Lee (1-5) didn't disagree.

"It was out of the park and he brought it back," said the left-hander, who already has two more losses than he did going 22-3 a year ago. "I felt like I did everything I could to help my team win, but some things are out of my control."

The Tigers scored in the eighth when Cleveland second baseman Luis Valbuena couldn't get the ball out of his glove.

Granderson walked with one out, stole second and took third

on a groundout. Valbuena then fielded a slow grounder, but double-clutched the throw — too late to get Cleto Thomas at first as Granderson scored.

"The ball just got stuck," Valbuena said.

Valbuena walked to open the Indians' ninth, but Verlander fielded Kelly Shoppach's bunt and threw out Valbuena at second. Sizemore, in a 3-for-23 slump, drove a fastball to deep center that Granderson caught with a leap, his glove extending well above the 9-foot-high wall.

"That's as big a thrill as making the crowd goes nuts when you hit a walkoff home run," Granderson said.

Verlander fanned Cabrera with his 118th pitch for his fourth career complete game.

Lee gave up seven hits and one run over eight innings, walking two and striking out five.

**Rangers 6, White Sox 0:** At Chicago, Matt Harrison (3-2) threw a four-hitter in his second career shutout for Texas. Ian Kinsler and Omar Vizquel each drove in two runs, and David Murphy scored three runs for the Rangers, who have won six of seven.

**Twins 11, Mariners 0:** At Minneapolis, Scott Baker pitched seven shutout innings, and Minnesota broke it open with three homers in the fifth inning to hand Seattle its fifth straight loss.

Baker (1-4) gave up five hits and struck out five for Minnesota.

**Red Sox 7, Rays 3:** Jason Bay and J.D. Drew homered during another big sixth inning as host Boston stopped Tampa Bay's

three-game winning streak. Brad Penny (3-1) got the victory.

**Athletics 5, Blue Jays 3:** At Oakland, Calif., Ryan Sweeney hit a two-run homer and four relievers combined to wrap up the Athletics' third victory in eight games. Sweeney's homer came in the second when the A's did all of their scoring off Scott Richmond (4-1). Jack Hannahan and Kurt Suzuki had RBI doubles.

**Angels 4, Royals 1:** At Anaheim, Calif., Howie Kendrick's two-run, inside-the-park homer helped Los Angeles stop Kansas City's six-game winning streak.

In his third start of the season, Angels rookie Matt Palmer (3-0) allowed one run on two hits in 5 1/3 innings. He's allowed only one earned run in each of his past two starts.

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## MLB scoreboard

## American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	19	11	.633	—
Toronto	20	12	.625	—
New York	15	15	.483	4½
Tampa Bay	14	17	.452	5½
Baltimore	12	18	.400	7
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	18	12	.600	—
Detroit	15	13	.536	2
Minnesota	14	16	.467	4
Chicago	13	15	.464	4
Cleveland	11	19	.367	7
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	16	13	.552	—
Seattle	15	15	.500	1½
Los Angeles	14	14	.500	1½
Oakland	11	16	.407	4

## Friday's games

Detroit 1, Cleveland 0  
N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 0  
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 3  
Minnesota 11, Seattle 0  
Texas 6, Chicago White Sox 0  
L.A. Angels 4, Kansas City 1  
Oakland 5, Toronto 3

## Saturday's games

Tampa Bay at Boston  
Toronto at Oakland  
Texas at Chicago White Sox  
Detroit at Cleveland  
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore  
Seattle at Minnesota  
Kansas City at L.A. Angels

## Sunday's games

Detroit (Porcello 2-3) at Cleveland (Reyes 1-0)  
N.Y. Yankees (Chamberlain 1-1) at Baltimore (Uehara 2-3)  
Texas (Padilla 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Colan 2-2)  
Seattle (Bedard 2-1) at Minnesota (Blackburn 2-2)  
Kansas City (Davies 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Lowe 2-2)  
Toronto (Cecil 0-0) at Oakland (Braden 3-3)  
Tampa Bay (Garza 3-2) at Boston (Beckett 3-2)  
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland

## Friday

## Yankees 4, Orioles 0

New York	ab	r	h	b	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jeter ss	5	0	0	0	Borrows 2b	3	0	2	0	1
Damon lf	4	1	1	1	AdJons cf	4	0	1	0	1
Teixeira 1b	3	1	0	0	Marks rf	4	0	0	0	0
ARDrgz 3b	4	1	1	3	Mora 3b	4	0	0	0	0
HMatdu dh	4	0	0	0	Huff 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Swisher rf	4	0	1	0	Wgntn dh	3	0	0	0	0
Cano 2b	4	0	2	0	Montz lf	3	0	0	0	0
McCar cf	4	0	2	0	Moeller c	3	0	0	0	0
Cervelli c	2	1	1	0	Citurs ss	3	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>New York</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4</b>						
<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>0</b>						

LOB—New York 7, Baltimore 4.  
2B—Damon (6), Swisher (8), Cano (7).  
HR—A.Rodriguez (1), CS—Ad.Jones (2), S—Cervelli.

New York	ab	r	h	b	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sabatina W-3	9	4	0	0	1	8				
Baltimore										
Guthrie L-2,3	6	7	3	3	2	8				
McCroy	2	2	1	1	1	1				
C-Ray	1	0	0	0	0	1				
<b>T—2:32. A—36,926 (48,290).</b>										

## Tigers 1, Indians 0

Detroit	ab	r	h	b	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Grndrs cf	3	1	0	0	Sizem cf	4	0	0	0	0
Polanc 2b	4	0	1	0	ACarer ss	4	0	1	0	0
Thoms rf	4	0	2	1	WMrtzn 1b	3	0	1	0	0
McCarr 1b	4	0	1	0	Choo rf	3	0	0	0	0
Ordonz dh	3	0	1	0	DeRosa 3b	3	0	0	0	0
inge 3b	4	0	1	0	Moeller c	4	1	0	0	0
Raburn lf	4	0	0	0	BFrncs lf	3	0	0	0	0
Everett ss	3	0	1	0	Valuen 2b	1	0	0	0	0
Sardinh c	3	0	0	0	Shppc c	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Detroit</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>010</b>	<b>1</b>						
<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>0</b>						

DP—Detroit 1, Cleveland 2. LOB—Detroit 6, Cleveland 2. 2B—Polanco (13), V.Martinez (10). SB—Granderson (4). CS—Mi.Cabrera (2).

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Verlander W-3,2	9	2	0	0	2	11
Cleveland						
CLee L-1,5	8	7	0	1	2	5
R.Betancourt	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>T—2:12. A—27,492 (45,199).</b>						

## Red Sox 7, Rays 3

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	b	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bupton cf	4	0	0	0	Ellsury cf	5	1	2	1	1
Crwrld lf	5	2	3	0	Pedroia 2b	5	1	4	1	1
Lonardi 3b	2	0	0	0	Ortiz dh	4	1	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	4	0	0	0	Bay lf	4	1	2	3	0
Burrell dh	3	0	1	1	Lowell 3b	4	1	3	0	0
Gross rf	3	1	1	0	J.Drew rf	4	1	1	2	1
Zobrist pf-rf	1	0	0	0	J.Baley 1b	4	0	1	0	0
Iwam 2b	4	0	0	0	Varitek c	4	0	1	0	0
Bartlett ss	4	0	1	0	Lugo ss	4	1	0	0	0
Murphy c	4	0	0	0						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tampa Bay</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Boston</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>005</b>	<b>02x</b>	<b>7</b>						

DP—Boston 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Boston 8. 2B—Crawford (6), Bartlett 2 (6), Ellsbury (5), Lowell (10). 3B—Crawford (2). J.Bailey (1), HR—(9), J.Drew (4). SB—Crawford (21). SF—Longoria.

T—2:52. A—37,745 (37,373).

## Twins 11, Mariners 0

Seattle	ab	r	h	b	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
ISuzuki rf	4	0	1	0	Span cf-rf	5	1	1	0	1
EnChvz lf	4	0	1	0	Tolbert 2b	4	2	1	0	0
JoLopez 2b	4	0	0	0	Mauer c	5	1	2	2	0
Branny 1b	4	0	0	0	Mornea 1b	3	1	1	2	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	Kubel dh	3	1	2	1	0
Griffy dh	3	0	0	0	Cudry rf	3	1	1	0	0
Johim c	3	0	1	0	Gomez ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0
HJtrtz cf	3	0	0	0	Busch 3b	4	2	1	3	0
YBtncr ss	3	0	1	0	DlmYn lf	3	1	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Seattle</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>0</b>						
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>051</b>	<b>00x</b>	<b>11</b>						

E—Jo.Lopez (4), Jakubauskas (1).  
LOB—Seattle 5, Minnesota 8. 2B—Tolbert (1), Kubel (9). HR—Mauer (2), Morneau (7), Buscher (1), B.Harris (2). SB—En.Chavez (6). SF—Morneau, Kubel.

T—2:47. A—29,714 (46,632).

## Rangers 6, White Sox 0

Texas	ab	r	h	b	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kinsler 2b	3	1	1	2	Getz 3b	4	0	1	0	0
Vizquel ss-3b5	0	2	2	2	Feldt 2b	4	0	1	0	0
MYong 3b	3	0	0	0	Quentin lf	4	0	0	0	0
Andrus ss	2	0	1	0	Thome dh	4	0	0	0	0
AnJons dh	3	0	1	0	Dye rf	3	0	1	0	0
Byrd cf	5	1	0	0	Konek 1b	0	0	0	0	0
N.Cruz rf	5	0	0	0	Przyns c	3	0	0	0	0
DvMrp lf	4	3	2	0	J.Nix ss	2	0	0	0	0
C.Davis 1b	4	1	1	0	Lillidg cf	3	0	1	0	0
Tegrdn c	3	1	2	1						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>6</b>						
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>0</b>						

E—Kinsler (3), Fields (5). DP—Texas 2, Chicago 1. LOB—Texas 9, Chicago 4. 2B—Vizquel (3), Byrd (12), Daw.Murphy (3). Teagarden (1). SB—Kinsler (8), Vizquel (1). CS—Fields (2). S—Kinsler.

T—2:28. A—21,326 (40,615).

## Athletics 5, Blue Jays 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	b	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Scutaro ss	4	0	1	0	OCarer ss	4	1	1	1	1
Rios rf	4	0	1	0	KSuzuk c	4	0	1	1	1
W.Wells cf	5	0	1	0	GIambi 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Lind dh	4	0	1	0	G.Petit 2b	0	0	0	0	0
Rolen 3b	4	1	1	0	Hollidy lf	4	1	1	0	0
Millar 1b	4	1	1	1	RSwny cf	3	1	1	2	0
Barajs c	4	1	1	2	Crosby 2b-1b3	0	0	0	0	0
Bautist lf	3	0	0	0	T.Buck rf	3	1	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>030</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Oakland</b>	<b>050</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>00x</b>	<b>5</b>						

E—O.Cabrera (4), Crosby (4). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 10, Oakland 3. 2B—Scutaro (5), Rolen (6), K.Suzuki (10), Han-nahan (2). HR—Barajas (3), R.Sweeney (2). S—Hannahan.

T—2:26. A—14,103 (35,067).

## Angels 4, Royals 1

Kansas City	ab	r	h	b	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Crisp cf	3	0	0	0	Figgins 3b	4	0	0	0	0
DeJes lf	3	1	0	0	Mlzturs ss	4	0	2	0	0
Tejahn 3b	4	0	1	0	Abreu rf	4	0	0	0	0
JGullin rf	3	0	0	0	Hunter cf	4	1	1	0	0
Butler 1b	4	0	2	1	KMoris 1b	3	0	0	0	0
Jacobs dh	4	0	0	0	Napoli dh	3	1	2	1	0
Callasp 2b	4	0	0	0	JRIVER lf	4	1	2	0	0
J.Buck c	4	0	0	0	Kndrick 2b	4	1	2	2	0
Aviles ss	2	0	0	0	Mathis c	4	0	1	1	0
Blmst pf-ss	0	1	0	0						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>1</b>						
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>011</b>	<b>002</b>	<b>00x</b>	<b>4</b>						

E—Figgins (4). LOB—Kansas City 7, Los Angeles 9. 2B—Butler (8), J.Rivera (5), Kendrick (5). HR—Kendrick (4). SB—Crisp 2 (7).

T—2:55. A—41,019 (45,257).

## National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	15	12	.556	—
New York	16	13	.552	—½
Florida	16	14	.533	2
Atlanta	1	16	.448	3
Washington	9	18	.333	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	19	11	.633	—
Milwaukee	17	13	.567	2
Chicago	16	13	.552	2½
Cincinnati	12	18	.400	7
Houston	12	17	.414	6½
Pittsburgh	12	18	.400	7
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	21	10	.677	—
San Francisco	15	13	.536	4½
San Diego	13	17	.433	7½
Arizona	12	18	.400	8½
Colorado	11	17	.393	8½

## Friday's games

Philadelphia 10, Atlanta 6  
Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 4  
N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 3  
Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 2  
Houston 2, San Diego 0  
Florida 8, Colorado 3  
Washington 5, Arizona 4  
San Francisco 3, L.A. Dodgers 1

## NL roundup

# Nats ruin debut of skipper Hinch

## New D-Backs manager praises effort in setback to Washington

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona manager A.J. Hinch wants the Diamondbacks to start believing in themselves.

It's an attitude the lowly Washington Nationals seem to already have acquired.

Shairon Martis improved to 4-0 and the Nationals spoiled Hinch's debut with a 5-4 victory over the Diamondbacks on Friday night.

"We're starting to build some confidence and playing a lot better baseball," Washington's Ryan Zimmerman said.

The Nationals, who started the season 1-10, have two road victories in a row for the first time this season and have won four of five overall.

"Sooner or later things had to turn around a little bit," Washington manager Manny Acta said. "We had a rough April and May's been good so far, but there's still a ways to go."

Jesus Flores drove in two runs with a homer and a single, Cristian Guzman tripled in two runs and Adam Dunn homered for the Nationals.

Zimmerman hit safely in the 26th consecutive game, the longest active streak in the majors, when he singled in the first inning.

"I don't really think about it at all," Zimmerman said of the streak. "I've gone farther than I thought I would go. I just enjoy playing and trying to keep the same mindset that I've kept every day and be consistent. So far it's worked."

Hinch, director of player personnel for Arizona, moved into

the manager's job after Bob Melvin was fired Thursday night. The new manager said he liked his team's attitude, despite the loss.

"I was proud of the guys for battling back and kind of answering the bell," Hinch said. "Obviously we left a lot of guys on base, had some opportunities which you always reflect on, but the effort was there. I felt like the intensity was high."

Felipe Lopez had three hits, including a double, and scored twice for the Diamondbacks, who erased most of a three-run deficit but lost for the fifth time in six games.

"It was a tough day," Lopez said, "but everybody was focused on winning a ballgame."

Martis (4-0), coming off a complete game triumph over St. Louis, gave up three runs on nine hits in 5 1/3 innings to get the victory. After struggling the previous night in Los Angeles against the Dodgers, Kip Wells pitched a perfect ninth for his first career save.

Yusmeiro Petit (0-3) gave up four runs on six hits in four innings to take the loss.

**Astros 2, Padres 0:** At Houston, Wandy Rodriguez threw eight innings and Hunter Pence hit a two-run single in the fifth.

In his longest outing of the season, Rodriguez (3-2) allowed five hits without issuing a walk. He struck out seven and lowered his ERA to 1.80, third in the league.

Chad Gaudin (0-2) went seven innings and allowed two runs on five hits for the Padres.

**Reds 6, Cardinals 4:** At Cincinnati, Johnny Cueto extended his scoreless-inning streak to 15

ly because of a series of freak injuries.

"I'm glad nothing came down and hit me," he said. "It was almost abnormal, being out there in the sixth inning."

Atlanta's Casey Kotchman hit a three-run homer off Brad Lidge in the ninth, and Omar Infante also went deep.

Braves starter Jo-Jo Reyes (0-2) lost his ninth straight, allowing eight runs — four earned — and five hits in five innings. The lefty hasn't won since beating the Los Angeles Angels last June 13.

Hamels' first start was pushed back because he had minor elbow problems in spring training. He left his third outing against Milwaukee on April 23 after getting hit in the shoulder by a line drive



MATT YORK/AP

**New Arizona manager A.J. Hinch, right, shares a laugh with third base umpire Casey Moser prior to Friday night's game against Washington. Hinch took over for Bob Melvin, who was fired Thursday.**

before giving up a run, and the Reds won their second in a row with a depleted lineup.

Cueto (3-1) had his way with a team that had hit him hard during his brief career. He limited the Cardinals to a run and five hits in seven innings, leaving with a 6-1 lead. Cueto has allowed only three earned runs in his past five starts.

**Brewers 3, Cubs 2:** At Milwaukee, Ryan Braun hit a two-run homer in the eighth and the Brewers rallied past Chicago.

The Cubs learned they may be without third baseman Aramis Ramirez for an extended period after he dislocated his left shoulder.

J.J. Hardy homered in the sixth ahead of Braun's big hit, which came off Aaron Heilman (2-2). The Cubs reliever entered and threw five straight balls to walk Corey Hart and fall behind Braun.

Reliever Mitch Stetter (2-0) earned the victory by getting the only batter he faced.

**Giants 3, Dodgers 1:** At Los Angeles, Barry Zito outpitched

Chad Billingsley for his first victory of the season on his sixth attempt for San Francisco.

The Dodgers have lost both games they've played since slugger left fielder Manny Ramirez was suspended for 50 games by Major League Baseball for using a banned drug. At the time of the suspension, they were a major league-best 21-8.

Zito (1-2) allowed a run and eight hits over six innings. Billingsley (5-1) gave up three runs and eight hits over seven innings.

**Marlins 8, Rockies 3:** At Denver, Ricky Nolasco earned the first victory by a Florida starter in more than three weeks.

The Marlins had gone a club-record 20 games without a victory by a starting pitcher before Nolasco (2-3) scattered eight hits over six innings with five strikeouts and a walk in his first victory since opening day. He allowed three runs to become the first Marlins starter to earn a victory since April 16 when Anibal Sanchez beat Atlanta.

Jason Hammel (0-1) allowed six runs on eight hits in 4 1/3 innings.

# Everybody has role as Mets romp

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jose Reyes capped a five-run fourth inning with a two-run single and John Maine allowed three hits over six innings as the New York Mets beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-1 on Saturday for their sixth straight victory.

Carlos Beltran hit a long home run, David Wright tripled and drove in two runs and Gary Sheffield had two of the Mets' season-high 17 hits. Reyes finished with three hits, three RBIs and a stolen base as New York moved three games over .500 for the first time this season.

Pittsburgh, which won 11 of its first 18 games, has lost seven straight and 11 of 12.

New York played without manager Jerry Manuel, who was suspended one game for making contact with umpire Bill Welke during an argument in the Mets' 7-5 victory over Philadelphia on Thursday night. Bench coach Sandy Alomar ran the team.

The Mets sent 10 batter to the plate in the fourth, using six singles and a walk to help hand Paul Maholm (3-1) his first loss in seven starts. Maholm had retired eight straight after giving up two singles and a wild pitch for a run in the first.

Wright, Sheffield and Fernando Tatis had consecutive RBI hits before Reyes' two-run single broke open the game.

Mets starters improved to 5-0 during the winning streak as Maine (3-2) won his third straight. He walked just two — one intentionally — after giving six free passes in his outing May 4 against Atlanta.

Maine used the expansive Citi Field outfield to induce nine fly-outs, making only one mistake: Maholm's first career homer leading off the fifth, after Maine had sat 23 minutes while the Mets scored five runs.

In Friday's game: **Mets 7, Pirates 3:** Carlos Delgado hit a three-run homer during a five-run eighth inning and finished with five RBIs, moving past Mickey Mantle into 48th on the career list.

Jonathon Niese plugged a hole in New York's rotation by going six innings and Carlos Beltran had a tiebreaking RBI single.

Nyjer Morgan had two hits and reached base five times for the slumping Pirates.

Jose Reyes got the winning rally started with a single to center off Tyler Yates (0-2). Luis Castillo then walked and Beltran sliced a single down the third-base line for a 3-2 lead.

Sean Burnett came in for Yates and Delgado greeted him with a drive over the wall in right-center. Delgado's fourth homer gave him 1,512 RBIs.

Omir Santos tacked on an RBI single as New York sent 11 batters to the plate in its second-biggest inning of the season.

Bobby Parnell (1-0) struck out two in a perfect eighth to win it.

# Hamels finally gets first victory

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — This time, Cole Hamels left the mound on his terms.

Hamels pitched six innings to earn his first victory since the World Series as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Atlanta Braves 10-6 on Friday night.

Jayson Werth, Chris Coste and Chase Utley homered for the NL East leaders, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Making his first start since spraining his left ankle on April 28, Hamels (1-2) allowed two runs and three hits and struck out seven. Hamels, MVP of the NL championship series and World Series last year, struggled the first month of this season most-

ly because of a series of freak injuries.

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in the fourth inning. He exited his next start when he hurt his ankle chasing a bunt in the fifth inning against Washington.

The ace lefty looked like his old self Friday night, mixing a sharp fastball with his trademark changeup. Hamels retired the first 11 before Chipper Jones reached on an infield single in the fourth.

"I really wanted to go somewhat deep in the game," said Hamels, who lowered his ERA to 6.17.

The Phillies scored four unearned runs on just one hit in the second, taking advantage of two-out errors by Yunel Escobar and Reyes. Jimmy Rollins followed with a two-run double for a 4-0 lead. Werth ripped a two-run shot after Ryan Howard's ground-rule double to make it 6-0 in the third.



TOM MIHALEK/AP

**Cole Hamels hits a dribbler in the second inning Friday night. Hamels reached on a throwing error and later scored a run.**



## SPORTS

Chuck Daly, who won  
Olympic gold, NBA titles,  
dies at age 78, Page 28



# Big Bird's storybook journey

An unlikely owner, trainer and  
upset winner of the Derby continue  
a ride beyond their wildest dreams

BY WILL GRAVES  
*The Associated Press*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. They weren't supposed to be here among the big shots and the sheik, the Hall of Famers and the million-dollar sure things.

Not the tiny horse with the funky feet and unsightly gait. Not the cowboy trainer with the black hat, busted leg and horseshoe mustache. Not the owner who met the trainer in a bar fight and got immunity in a federal corruption case through his father's plea deal.

Yet, here they are, this unlikely crew on the journey of their lives, propelled by a spectacular run in the Kentucky Derby that took 50-1 long shot Mine That Bird from obscurity to champion for the ages. Next stop: the Preakness Stakes on Saturday.

The avalanche of attention since the unheralded bay gelding's stunning and emphatic victory has been a little bit much for rough-around-the-edges trainer Bennie Woolley Jr. The former bareback rider spent the past 25 years grinding out a modestly successful racing operation at tracks scattered throughout the Southwest.

"It's hard for me to be in front of the cameras," he said. "It's not something I really set out to do. I love being at the barn and doing my thing. The press side is just a little tough."

He better get used to it.

Woolley's post-Derby daze has consisted of a seemingly endless string of interviews, autograph requests, phone calls and well-wishers coming by Barn 42 at Churchill Downs — from Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert to exercise riders, stall muckers and gate attendants.

Gratifying? Sure. Expected? Not exactly.

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Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird peers from his stall at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The 50-1 long-shot winner of the Run for the Roses will go for the second jewel of the Triple Crown in Saturday's Preakness Stakes.

ED REINKE/AP

